

Off-campus Evergreen approved

BY TERRY FOY
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On Nov. 15, the President's cabinet approved a motion to expand Evergreen debit card use to local, off-campus vendors.

"I think this reflects our philosophy of trying to give our students more freedom, and a more real-world meal plan," vice president of Finance John Palmucci said.

Off-campus Evergreen use, which has been explored during the last five years but found unfeasible for technological reasons, is now expanding thanks to the ease of Blackboard's "OneCard" technology. Tom Podles, director of Computing Services for Technology Services, will coordinate the technical

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ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Gerald Brown was one of four Greyhounds to score in double figures as Loyola turned away rival Mount St. Mary, 83-66, last Saturday.

Health Commissioner headlines Baltimore speaker series

BY ALYSSA PORAMBO
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"Baltimore's Big 3" Lecture Series began with Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, commissioner of health for the City of Baltimore, speaking of the state of healthcare in the city on Wednesday, Nov. 29

According to David Haddad, the vice president of Academic Affairs, Loyola's Council of Academic Deans, Center for Community Service and Justice and Office of Academic Affairs and

Diversity developed the theme for this year's lecture series: The State of Health, Housing and Education in the City.

Marya Howell, the associate director of Student Staff Development for CCSJ, said, "We hope this lecture series will open people's eyes to look at what needs to be done in the City of Baltimore and how we as a community can help."

The group selected orators for the series who know the most

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City Health Commissioner Joshua Sharfstein spoke last Wednesday about the state of healthcare in Baltimore City.



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The Loyola AIDS Awareness Coalition sold T-shirts for \$10 last week outside Boulder in an effort to reach their goal of \$10,000.

HIV testing, fundraising mark World AIDS Day

BY MEGAN MCCONVILLE
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The Loyola AIDS Awareness Coalition, or LAAC celebrated World AIDS Day last Friday, Dec. 1, with free HIV testing and an attempt to reach their goal of collecting \$10,000.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 27, AIDS awareness week kicked off at Loyola with a movie intended to raise understanding about the disease. A speaker from Catholic Relief Services presented a lecture on Tuesday about the far-reaching effects of AIDS all over the world,

specifically in Ghana, where he had personal experience.

On Wednesday, Professor Virginia Brown from the Photography Department gave a presentation in which she displayed photographs of AIDS victims that she had taken from a project she did several years ago.

Friday featured a lineup of events across campus. SPECTRUM sponsored free HIV testing in Hopkins Court Lounge, and the Loyola AIDS Awareness Coalition tried to outdo last year's recording setting fundraiser.

Friday's events consisted of a

table in Boulder from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in which donations were collected via cash or Evergreen swipe. T-shirts were also sold for \$10, and volunteers were standing out on the quad all day accepting donations in cardboard boxes.

The LAAC also set up a table at the Fitness and Aquatic Center's event First Friday from 10 p.m. until midnight, which emphasized the need to promote health worldwide. Members of the LAAC also went "dorm-storming," in which they went around to all of the major residences on campus collecting more donations and raising general awareness of the day.

The goal to raise \$10,000 in one day is to show people the real differences they can make. The idea is that if one school can raise that much money in only one day, there is no limit to what can be accomplished.

The LAAC does not have a specific total of the money raised that day, as the Evergreen donations have yet to be counted, but Jessica Henderson, co-chair of LAAC, estimates the final figure to be roughly \$5,000. Over 200 T-shirts were sold, and donations came throughout the day. The LAAC expects the final tally today.

"Keeping in mind that World AIDS Day fell on a Friday this year, when a lot of people aren't on campus, and it rained, as well as the transitions in LAAC this year, I think \$5,000 is an admirable amount for us to reach," said

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California plans to introduce new gay marriage bill

By STEVEN HARMON
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- The debate over gay marriage is back after a year's hiatus, and this time supporters are hopeful the political climate has changed since Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed a bill to legalize same-sex marriage in 2005.

San Francisco Assemblyman Mark Leno, a Democrat who is openly gay, announced he will introduce a new marriage bill on Monday, when legislators are sworn in for the upcoming session.

"We see great momentum with growing support," said Leno, heading into his third and final term in the Assembly. "We've come a long way" since California voters approved an initiative defining marriage as between a man and a woman in 2000.

Leno called on the state's political leaders to "rise up out of the shadows of inequality and be counted, on this important civil rights issue by using their powers to put an end to discrimination against all people."

Opponents, though, said it was illegal for the Legislature to repeal a vote of the people, though the 2000 measure, Proposition 22, more specifically dealt with not allowing California to recognize gay marriages sanctioned by other states.

Since Schwarzenegger vetoed Leno's 2005 legislation, public support has grown for gay marriage. While Proposition 22 passed by a 20-point margin, six years later voters are now split evenly on the issue, according to opinion polls.

Also, courts have argued in favor of gay marriage: The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that the state Legislature must provide same-sex couples equal access to the protections of marriage if it wanted to

reserve marriage for a man and a woman. And a California Court of Appeals ruled the issue should be settled by the Legislature.

"There's been a huge shift, and we're hoping the governor realizes that public opinion has moved," said Geoff Kors, executive director for Equality California, a

vetoed in 2005. That bill added sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of personal characteristics that can't be used in a negative way during a political campaign in voluntary pledges candidates can take.

Schwarzenegger has also been supportive of rights for domestic partners.



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Vincent Strona, left, and William Molarius walk down the steps after being one of the last gay couples to be married at city hall in San Francisco, California, in 2004. The California Supreme Court ordered the city to halt all gay marriages. A new bill on gay marriage will be introduced next week.

statewide organization that advocates for gay and lesbian rights, "and that his pledge to support full equality can only be addressed through marriage equality."

Schwarzenegger vetoed Leno's 2005 gay marriage legislation just prior to the special election, when he was currying support from his party's conservative base to approve his since-doomed reforms.

But this year, he signed seven bills supported by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups, including one that he'd

But, he still believes voters have already decided the issue, said spokeswoman Sabrina Lockhart.

"The governor's position," said spokeswoman Sabrina Lockhart, "hasn't changed."

Predicting the gay marriage issue will be the "biggest legislative battle" next year, Randy Thomasson, president of Campaign for Children and Families, said Democrats "have declared war upon marriage between a man and a woman."

"To continue to push for full-blown gay marriage licenses is unlawful, unconstitutional and undemocratic," Thomasson said. "The California Constitution specifically prohibits the Legislature from repealing voter-approved initiatives. This bill should be vetoed by Arnold Schwarzenegger on the same grounds as he vetoed it last year — because the people have already voted to keep marriage between a man and a woman, just as God created it."

In his 2005 veto message, Schwarzenegger said, "I do not believe the Legislature can reverse an initiative approved by the people of California."

He also suggested that legislative action was not needed. "If the ban of same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, this bill is not necessary," he wrote. "If the ban is constitutional, this bill is ineffective."

Leno disagrees, saying it's clear in the language of the state's Family Code, which Proposition 22 amended, that it applies only to out-of-state gay marriages.

"Now, they want to say they meant more than that," Leno said. "If the ban is unconstitutional, it's the Legislature's job to change the law, so this bill is necessary."

A San Francisco Superior court judge overruled the 2000 ban, but was overruled himself last year by a Court of Appeals judge, who said the issue shouldn't be decided by judicial fiat, but by the Legislature.

And the state Supreme Court is considering challenges to two parts of the state's Family Code. One defines marriage as between a man and a woman, and the other prohibits the state from recognizing out-of-state gay marriages. The high court isn't expected to decide until 2008.

Festival of Lessons and Carols to be held Friday

The 18 Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols for the Advent-Christmas Season will be presented this Friday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Chapel.

The service, which is rooted in English choral tradition combines music and scripture readings of the Advent Christmas Season in candle light. The Chapel Choir and guest artists will perform seasonal music from a wide range of styles and traditions.

An integral part of the service is "Presence for Christmas", a sophomore class-sponsored service program sponsored by the sophomore class which provides gifts for needy children in the Baltimore area.

Chimes and Belles to perform Chordbusters this weekend

The Belles and Chimes, Loyola's Women's and Men's a Capella singing groups will present their annual Chordbusters performance on Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. in McManus Theatre.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students and senior citizens.

NEWSBRIEFS

Lukacs elected to Phi Beta Kappa Senate

Paul Lukacs, an Associate Professor in the College's English Department was recently elected to a three-year term on the Phi Beta Kappa Society's Senate, which directs the academic honor society's national office on policy matters.

Lukacs joined Phi Beta Kappa at Kenyon College, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He also holds a master's degree and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University.

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Selected excerpts from reports

Thursday, Nov. 20

At 12:15 a.m., campus police was dispatched to Campion Tower for a suspicious odor. Two officers and an RA knocked on the door to investigate. Once in the room, the officers smelled a controlled dangerous substance in the air and ordered everyone to the front of the room. In a bedroom, on top of the desk in plain view, an officer found three small plastic bags with a green leafy residue in them and a multi-colored smoking device. The residents agreed to a room search, which produced a homemade plastic smoking device, 17 more plastic baggies all containing a green leafy residue, one Tylenol #3 pill, one metal grinding device and one small metal container with screens on both sides. All items were confiscated.

Friday, Dec. 1

At 3:49 a.m., campus police was dispatched to Tantallion Court for a noise complaint. The officer heard screaming and yelling from the back patio which the officer found to be offensive. BCPD were on the scene when all attendees were told to quiet down and disperse. As the officers were about to leave, banging noise and more screaming began emanating from the house. The officers proceeded to knock on the door and issue citations to the residents for noise violation with remarks of social hosting. One student was obnoxious to BCPD and did not follow instructions. The student became belligerent and while talking, began spitting in an indirect manner while being uncooperative. The student was given a citation and escorted home by his roommate.

Saturday, Dec. 2

At 2:55 a.m., campus police heard glass breaking from Newman Towers. Officers responded to the scene and found the entire living area of the residence destroyed. A large window was completely broken, furniture had been demolished, B-B pellets were strewn across the floor, beer cans were all over, and a "Red Rider" BB rifle was lying on the floor. Two roommates said there were between 10 to 15 people in the apartment, but both said they could not directly identify anyone. One roommate said he did not hear anything because he was in a bedroom talking on the phone to a girl. None of the students professed ownership of the BB rifle and were not forthcoming with whom it belonged to. The students later admitted that the rifle belonged to another roommate. The GRC received orders to temporarily bar occupants from the residence until further notice.

-compiled by Mary Scott

Requirements for abroad Core classes widened

BY LIA GORMSEN
STAFF WRITER

The classes available to students studying abroad have the potential to become much broader after the Academic Senate passed a set of principles concerning how the core relates to study abroad curricula.

"Dialogue has been opened," according to the Director of International Programs, Dr. Andre Colombat who

has been meeting with department chairs in an effort to set up specific guidelines as to the types of classes students

can take abroad in place of their core and major class requirements.

The five principles, which the senate unanimously passed Nov. 7, set the groundwork for an expansion of the types of core classes students will be allowed to take abroad. The document asked that departments "Not require that courses studied abroad be too narrowly similar to Loyola courses."

According to Colombat, the application of this principle, in which students would be free to take courses they would not be able to take at Loyola is a crucial tenet of the study abroad experience.

This includes taking courses specific to the culture in which you are studying. "Cultural immersion within the local system," said Colombat, is what students should strive to accomplish while abroad.

Another key issue and point of previous contention for the International Programs was the outright refusal of certain departments, such as Fine Arts and Political

Science, to approve any abroad courses that would fulfill their department-specific core requirements.

As a result, certain departments which frequently approve core courses, such as English and History, have had a disproportionately large number of students taking their core classes abroad. To remedy this, the Senate passed a principle that declared "Departments with core courses should fairly share the proportion of core courses

that can be taken abroad in those departments."

Ron Pearl, professor of Music and Senate representative from the Fine Arts depart-

ment said that his department "Will be reasonable" about approving courses in the future, especially when students provide a syllabus and detailed course description from the university they are attending.

Previously when there have been disagreements between department chairs and International Programs directors as to what classes can be taken as core, the final word has been given to the department chair. Now, disagreements can be brought to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for resolution.

"The number one concern in International Programs is finding courses for students to take abroad," said Colombat, "Without cooperation from all departments study abroad would not be possible."

Colombat asks that faculty look beyond approving only classes with equivalent content to a class offered at Loyola, he asks instead that "methodology" be evaluated, and "the overall academic quality" of the class.

"The number one concern in International Programs is finding courses...Without cooperation from all departments, study abroad would not be possible."

-Andre Colombat

BGE cause of last week's blackout, varied communication

BY JENN BOGDAN
STAFF WRITER

Last Tuesday night, at approximately 9 p.m., the east side of Loyola's campus experienced a power outage which lasted for approximately two hours. Buildings on campus that were affected included Ahern, McAuley, Aquinas, and the library. Students living off-campus in Gallagher and Homeland also experienced the blackout which extended down York Road as well.

The power outage was not an issue of utility on campus. It was caused by a malfunctioning Baltimore Gas and Electric feeder which powers the Eastside of campus as well as parts of York Road. All those without power saw it restored later that evening at approximately 11 p.m.

"We very rarely lose power to that east side of campus because of the power set-up we have there," said Associate Vice President of Facilities and Campus Services, Helen Schneider. "If power is lost, it's almost always a BGE issue, not a Loyola issue."

Students on the east side of campus waiting for the power to be restored received very different responses from Loyola's staff. Graduate Resident Coordinators checked on the students in McAuley to ensure that they were safe. Students were requested to refrain from burning candles as fire detectors were also not working due to the

outage.

GRCs also warned students looking to relocate to parts of campus that did have power to remain in their rooms due to rumored reports of York Road residents entering campus with weapons. Meanwhile students in Aquinas and Ahern did not receive any information or instructions.

"No one came by here at all. We had no idea what was going on or when the power would be back on. We thought it would be out all night or something," said senior Aquinas resident, Emily Davies.

Campus police responded to the situation stationing themselves throughout the powerless areas of campus with flood lights and flashing lights from their vehicles. They talked with students walking back from other parts of campus and warned them to be careful as they reentered the east side. Some areas of campus tried to power up backup generators during the outage but were unsuccessful.

As an outcome of the outage Facilities has decided to install automatic battery backup outdoor lighting around the exteriors of East side residence halls. As soon as an outage occurs, the outdoor lighting would automatically be activated.

"The batteries from something like that can only last a couple of hours," explained Schneider. "But then again that's only as long as we would have needed them on Tuesday."

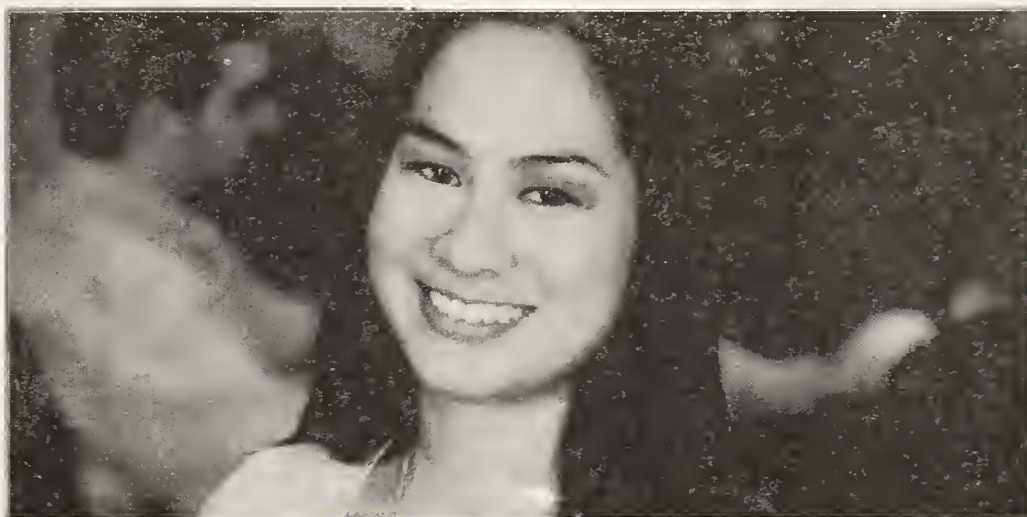


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The second First Fridays at the FAC was held last Friday night, with activities such as sumo wrestling and Gladiator kickball. The Loyola AIDS Awareness Coalition was also on hand promote and raise money for World AIDS Day.

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Officials see competition with Sodexho as positive

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Though the timeline for establishing Evergreen use at local vendors is not certain, Student Government Association President Mike

Hardy estimated that Loyola would finalize a deal with Blackboard in the coming weeks, which would kickoff the process of

setting up Evergreen readers at places like Panera Bread Company and Chipotle, a process that takes between three and eight weeks.

Palmucci sees the decision as a positive for on-campus dining services as well as students, pointing to positive elements of increased competition for Sodexho.

"Every year students come back and

find changes in Primo's and Boulder Garden Cafe, and that is because the dining service recognizes a need to continually improve quality. This will just do that a little more," Palmucci said.

Palmucci disregarded concern that the decision could upset Sodexho officials.

The approval was a windfall for Hardy, who

-John Palmucci

campaigns chiefly on bringing off-campus Evergreen use to Loyola last spring.

"Going into the year, this was one major point of my agenda," Hardy said. "So to get it done, it's a great success. It was not all my doing either. The administration was really willing to work with us on this and obviously they saw it as a worthwhile venture because if they did not, it would not have happened."

Seniors to vote on class gift

BY NICOLE ARTHUR
STAFF WRITER

The senior class gift has been narrowed down to three choices, and the class of 2007 will vote to determine which of the three gifts they will give to the College.

The first senior class gift option is a need based endowment which will grow over the years. The details pertaining to this have not yet been worked out.

The second is a contribution towards seating at the new Intercollegiate Athletic Complex, which should be completed by mid-2009. The complex will feature a 6,000-seat grandstand facing an artificial turf field and two practice fields.

The third option is an amphitheatre

for the new freshman dorm. This would be a way to gather and have a number of events. The gift would also forge a connection between the class of 2007 and 2011.

The decision to allow students the opportunity to have the option to vote for their class gift is an important factor in this decision making process.

"It's important to be involved in a project such as this, due to the long-lasting implications as well as the fact that it will unify out class," said senior Robert Beverly.

Senior Class President, Blair Puscas said the committee, which is made up of 30 seniors, including the eight class assemblymen, tried to pick choices that had would appeal to all members of the class of 2007.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Students filled Knott Hall for a Diversity Forum last week to discuss diversity issues, such as John Hopkin's "Halloween in the Hood" frat party that attracted media attention across the nation.

"The seating at the Intercollegiate Athletic Complex is more for the community because it is off campus and more alumni and community members will see it," said Puscas.

"The amphitheatre answers to that problem, it is on campus and more tangible."

Following the example set by the class of 2006, the committee decided to build on projects already backed and planned by the College.

"The backing of the College makes our gift more powerful," said Puscas.

"These things were already going to happen, our gift just makes it go further and be more beautiful than it would. This makes our gift go further than what we would just be able to do."

The committee's goal is to get over 60 percent of the senior class to give and to raise at least \$30,000. Seniors will have the ability to vote for the gift on blackboard by semester break or sometime early next semester.

-Mary Scott contributed to this article.

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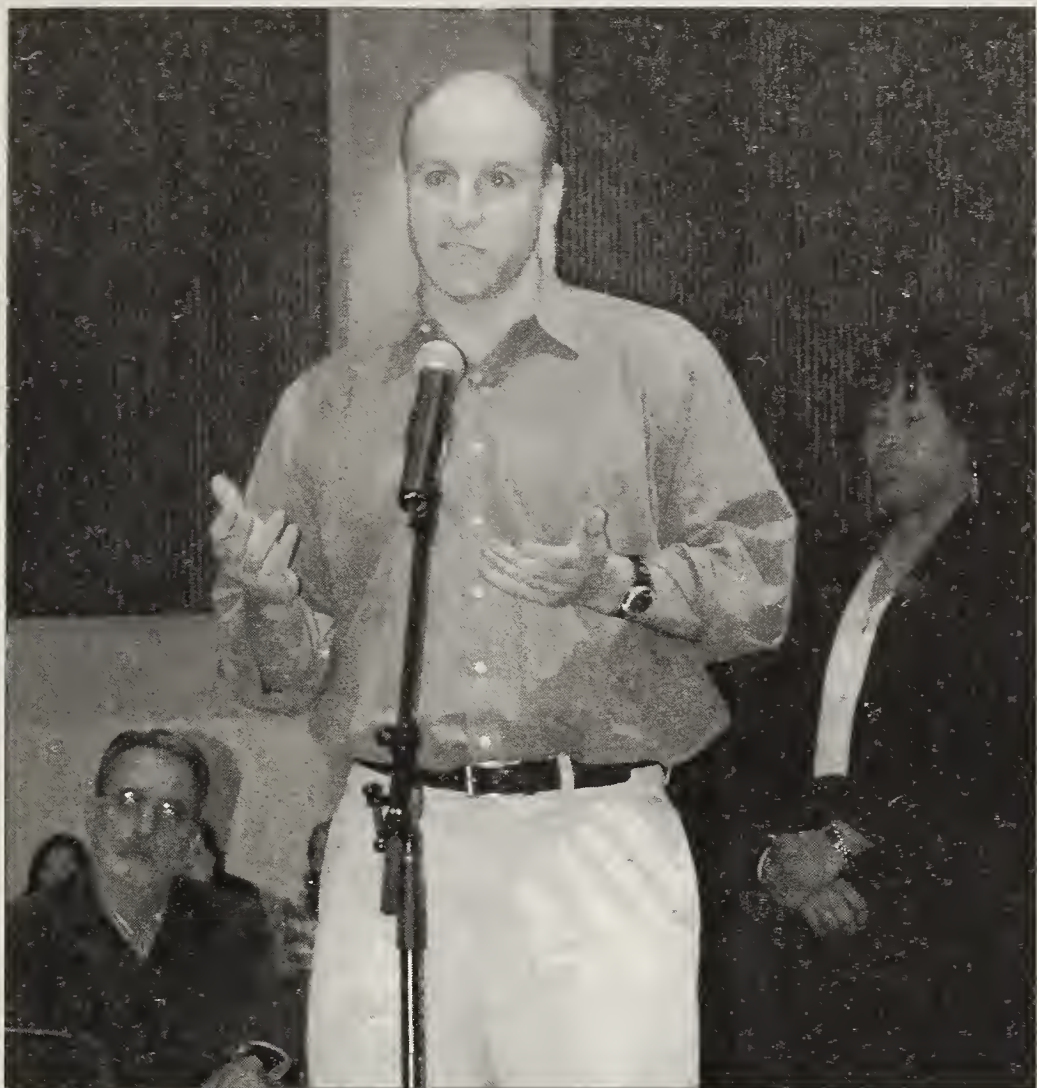
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A member of the audience at last week's lecture with City Health Commissioner, Joshus Sharfstein asks about funding decisions for city health programs.

Health Commissioner first in "Big 3" Series

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about each issue, who are dynamic speakers, and who have a justice-focused point of view.

As the first lecturer in the series, Sharfstein spoke on the current state of Baltimore's public health care system and the measures that are being taken by the Health Department to rectify the problems that afflict the city.

"Baltimore has made many strides in public health," Sharfstein said, "But every day is a crossroads when you are in a city like this."

Sharfstein began by listing daunting statistics about the Baltimore City, saying that according to a past Harvard University study, the people of Baltimore are affected by intense drug addictions, especially to heroin, chronic diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and asthma, and unhealthy activities such as smoking.

Teenage pregnancy, lead poisoning, mental illness, and murder are prevalent in the city. Sexually transmitted diseases such as gonorrhea, syphilis, and chlamydia are widespread, and the amount of individuals infected with HIV made Baltimore the fifth highest city for HIV infections.

The statistics also showed that students in Baltimore City's school system are missing school out of fear for their personal safety, as students are carrying weapons and becoming involved in physical fights.

Sharfstein said that Baltimore City is the poorest county in Maryland and one of the poorest in the nation.

"There are two ways to handle a situation like this," Sharfstein said, "either with cynicism or with determination."

He continued on to say that determination includes treatment, education, screening, prevention, and intervention. Since the Harvard study, there has been a great increase in spending on general educational programs, decreases in the number of individuals with STDs, a rise in the life

expectancy age and more available services for those infected with HIV in Baltimore City and Towson.

The city is also collaborating with hospitals to offer better primary care to its residents, especially in the growing Latino community, as they have the poorest access to healthcare.

Sharfstein also commented on newly elected governor Martin O'Malley's policies: "The mayor is relentless; he sees potential progress where others see problems."

The commissioner discussed a new program in Baltimore to help raise awareness among the citizens about ways to prevent disease and improve overall health called "Prevention Wednesday." The goal of this program is to educate the people in leading healthier lifestyles by highlighting particular activities on selected Wednesdays.

Another program is Project HEALTH. According to the project's Web site, the Health Department will work with Johns Hopkins University and Hospitals, Loyola College, and Baltimore HealthCare Access to "mobilize college students to provide public health interventions in an effort to break the link between poverty and poor health."

"With health comes so many opportunities for economic progress," Sharfstein said. "And I'm so pleased that Loyola is a major partner with Project HEALTH."

The commissioner ended his lecture with a call to action by students, and reassurance that Baltimore is in fact a better city than it was years ago, claiming that progress is being made and will continue to be made over the years.

"We hope that the students will be moved to action," Howell said, "because everyone is touched by at least one of these issues, whether you are passionate about health, housing, or education."

The next lecture in the series is on Wednesday, Dec. 6, which features David Rusk, an urban policy consultant, speaking about housing in Baltimore.

Care-A-Van bounces back after last year's shutdown

By MARY SCOTT
News Editor

One year after the Baltimore City Health Department shut down the Loyola Care-A-Van, the program has established itself in a new location, gained greater notoriety and the program has grown around campus.

Last November, the Health Department shut down Care-A-Van, a program run under the Center for Community Service and Justice where student volunteers make sandwiches twice a week and take them downtown to feed the homeless. The City shut down the program for not complying with a new law requiring them to have a license for food distribution and not having running hot and cold water available to them when handing out the sandwiches.

CCSJ was not aware the new law had gone into effect and was taken aback when a city health official shut them down in the middle of food distribution.

After being shut down, student volunteers took it upon themselves to continue to make sandwiches using personal funds and going downtown on their own, without affiliation with CCSJ or the official Care-A-Van organization.

After citywide publicity, including a story on Fox News and in *The Baltimore Sun*, the organization received permission by the City Health Commissioner to continue its work without a license until they could obtain one.

"I was angry that we were sort of doing the job that the city wasn't doing and they were trying to tell us we couldn't feed

people," said Care-A-Van volunteer Gretchen Bell. "But on the other hand, I can understand they have good intentions. Just because someone is homeless doesn't mean they shouldn't have high quality service."

Care-A-Van was shut down for a total of a month and a half, according to Service Coordinator Ashley Biggs. They received a license to distribute food in early February and moved from the corner of Fayette Street and Falls Road under Interstate 83 to the park on St. Vincent de Paul Church, located on N. Front Street.

"The church has a city approved kitchen, and meets all requirements for a kitchen that serves the public, and the church gave us permission to distribute food on their property," said Biggs.

One concern of volunteers when they switched distribution locations was that they would lose the base of the people they serve, but volunteers say that because homeless people live in the park where they work, the amount of people they feed each week has remained about the same.

"At first we lost a lot of people, but we have gotten some of our old base back and gained new ones too," said Biggs.

There is now a waiting list of volunteers to work for Care-A-Van, something Bell says was not as much of an issue last year.

"We're more known as a program to the city, and the effort we were putting forth to help the need," said Bell. "So in a sense, all of that happening has opened up more lines of communication between people, which can only be made stronger."

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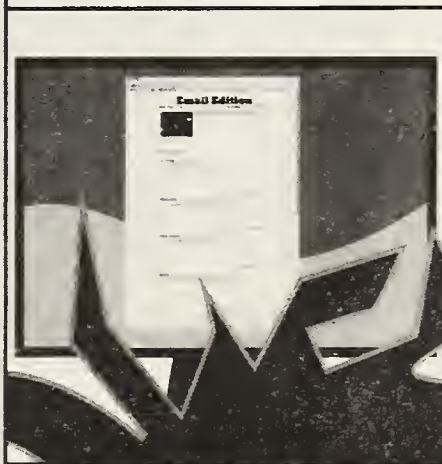
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LAAC falls short of goal on World AIDS Day

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Henderson.

Last year LAAC raised over \$10,000 on World AIDS Day and members of the group cite a transition in management as well as diminished numbers to the group due to students studying abroad as explanations.

"Last year World AIDS Day fell on a

Thursday and so we were able to do the Coffeehouse," said Henderson. "We reached over \$3,000 at that alone."

"I think World AIDS Day is a good way to raise awareness, especially with people asking for donations on the quad," said junior Dan Lukasiewicz. "With people walking to class all day, it's hard to miss."



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/ GREYHOUND

The Loyola AIDS Awareness Coalition sold T-shirts and asked students for donations to help fight AIDS last Friday as a part of AIDS Awareness Week. HIV tests were also made available to students as part of an effort to raise awareness about the disease.

U. Penn researchers test HIV therapy in humans

BY ANNE DOBSON
DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN

Philadelphia -- University of Pennsylvania researchers say the future of AIDS treatment -- and perhaps the treatment of other diseases -- could lie in giving sick patients doses of a genetically modified HIV virus.

HIV -- the virus that causes AIDS -- attacks T-cells, white blood cells that are critical to the immune system.

In the first in-human trial ever, Bruce Levine and Carl June of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, along with Penn Medicine professor Rob Roy MacGregor, took T-cells from HIV patients and inserted a modified virus back into them.

Levine described the engineered virus as "wearing the enemy's uniform."

"The use of HIV itself ... has never been done before," he said.

The trio recently published the results of the first phase of their study, in which they observed the effects of a single injection.

"The modified virus tricks its way into our cells," MacGregor said.

The results were astounding.

June said patient's T-cell levels not only stopped dropping but also dramatically increased in some patients.

The primary objective of the study was to determine the "safety and feasibility" of the procedure, Levine said.

There are high risks associated with such treatment, June said, including leukemia and

the possibility of the virus mutating and making the patient sicker.

MacGregor said the five patients that participated in the study had advanced HIV that had failed to respond to other therapy.

They were, in a sense, "backed into a corner," MacGregor said, with nowhere else to turn.

"It's an altruistic cohort of people," Levine said.

It took years for June and Levine to get approval for their study, especially after the death of 18-year-old Jesse Gelsinger from complications of a separate gene-therapy study conducted at Penn in 1999.

The field of gene therapy underwent "intense scrutiny" as a result, June said. He added that, while "appropriate," it put them "on hold for about two years."

If the studies continue to prove safe and effective, the question becomes whether this can be a treatment for the larger HIV-infected population.

"We would have to treat the process as a drug," Levine said. He added that the treatment is not as simple as taking a pill because "everyone's immune system is different."

MacGregor and Levine said modified-virus insertion could become a viable treatment option for HIV patients within 10 years.

Additionally, June said, other Penn researchers are interested in how this therapy could be used for certain kinds of cancers, as well as disorders such as sickle-cell anemia.

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Rethinking Year of the City

Last year, Rev. Brian Linnane, S.J., devoted this academic year to Baltimore, hoping to integrate Loyola deeper into the Baltimore community. The plan was well-received by the College, and the Year of the City kicked off with enthusiastic support from students at the Mass of the Holy Spirit and street fair held at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy.

Since then, however, the Year of the City has faded from many Loyola members' consciousness, and needs some revitalization.

With the Year of the City half over, the College community can point to a handful of successes that have made a significant impact on the life of Loyola students, faculty, and staff members. Loyola's partnership with St. Mary's School has placed many Loyola community members outside of the confines of the Evergreen campus. Classes borne of the Year of the City idea have encouraged a new commitment to important dialogue about Baltimore and city life.

However, in order to be an effective initiative, *The Greyhound* thinks that all levels of the College community must increase participation, particularly taking part in events that bring Loyola students into the city in meaningful ways.

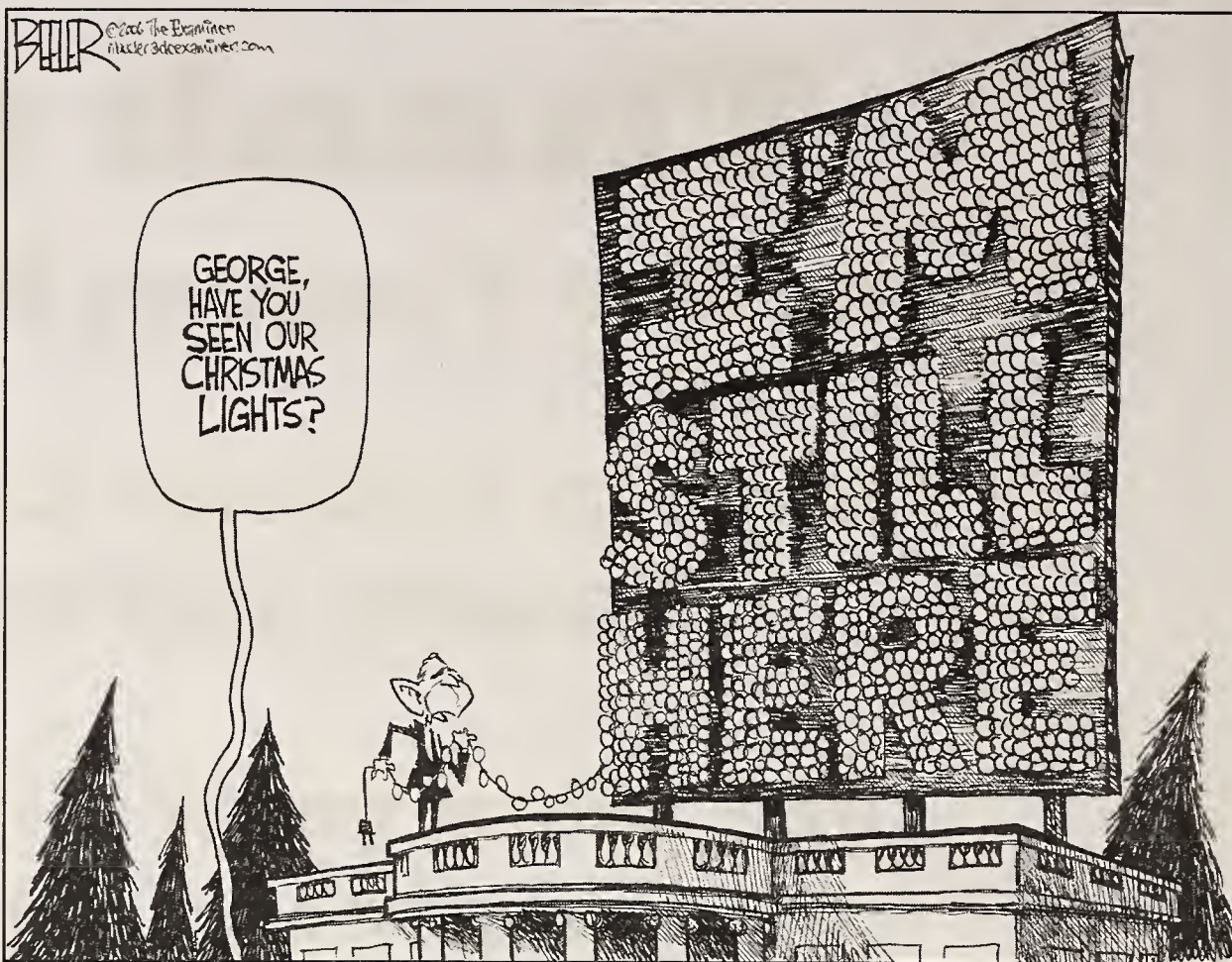
The street fair after the Mass of the Holy Spirit is a perfect example. Yes, the event brought students into the city, but the presence of Loyola campus police officers made the blocked-off street seem more like an extension of the Evergreen campus than Baltimore City. Moreover, Loyola students vastly outnumbered Baltimore residents that chose to attend the fair.

Perhaps, in order to avoid this exclusionary phenomenon, the College could attempt to partner on an existing event that already has a large base of attraction throughout the city.

Another worry for Year of the City is its becoming mired in sponsored lectures and service projects. While important to supplement the Year of the City, the initiative was touted as an active realization of Loyola's role in Baltimore, and Baltimore's place in Loyola.

Though lectures and service opportunities teach a lot about the relationship between Loyola and Baltimore, social interaction teaches more about how the city and College can come together on equal footing. With that goal in mind, *The Greyhound* hopes that Loyola and Baltimore will utilize the second half of the Year of the City to have more fun learning about one another.

'Tis the season



"Presence" challenges community to help

Whether you're ready for it or not, the holiday season is about to shift into high gear. I had the opportunity to have a good conversation with a recent Loyola alum about the annual Presence for Christmas program, and she reflected on the upcoming few weeks.

"I always felt that Presence for Christmas was one of the best traditions at Loyola," she said, "because it put all of the holiday craziness into perspective and reminded me that the needs of others are most important."

This year, the Loyola Community will provide holiday meals and gifts for more than 600 children and families -- good will, and real presence to local neighbors in need. Taken as a whole, the generosity is a symbolic way of saying that the holidays are less about stuff and more about people.

Of course, the holiday meals and gifts are more than symbolic; they are quite real. They provide nourishment and a sense of normalcy to families struggling to

manage tight budgets and take care of basic expenses. The donations provide a momentary relief from the many demands of the holidays. What might have been a trying time in a family instead turns into a moment of tenderness and hope.

Presence for Christmas also offers a number of opportunities and challenges for our campus community. As some of my Jesuit friends like to say, the real challenge we have as people of good will is to "situate ourselves in the place of another."

While those of us in comfortable, secure financial situations might not fully grasp the reality of economic stress, we can stand in solidarity with those who do. In our comfort, we can ask why people struggle in the first place, particularly those in our urban centers.

Presence for Christmas also offers an opportunity to participate in the life of another child or another family, momentarily transcending our own

needs and attending to the needs of others.

Presence for Christmas provides the opportunity to act. Even through a simple shopping trip, one makes a gesture that says "I'm willing to spend my time to give someone I don't know a moment of joy."

And finally, Presence for Christmas provides an opportunity to share in the life of many community partner agencies around Baltimore. With the College as a partner, agencies like The Learning Bank, St. Ambrose Center, and St. Jerome's Head Start find support in their efforts to build strong families, strengthen communities, and promote lifelong learning.

On behalf of CCSJ and all those involved with Presence for Christmas, thanks for helping to emphasize the true meaning of this hopeful season.

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POLL QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

With the schoolyear almost half over, how effective has the Year of the City campaign been?

- Effective -- I've learned a lot about Baltimore.
- Somewhat effective -- I've participated in a couple of their events
- I haven't noticed much change this year from years past
- I forgot Y.O.T.C. was happening

Last issue's poll: (Results not scientific)

What effect do you think Democratic control of Congress will have on the U.S. political process?

- Major changes concerning Iraq policy (44%)
- Minor changes, mostly involving social/economic issues (41%)
- Little, if anything, will change; the president is still in control (15%)

Politics aside, we owe our nation thanks

This Thanksgiving finds us in a very volatile place in the world. We are at war with no apparent end in sight, papal-international relations are at a low, the

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economy is floundering, oil still costs over \$60 a barrel, and the election is still two years away. The Democrats have retaken the House, but that does not seem to make it any better. Coupled with the myriad events in each of our personal lives, it is difficult to maintain an optimistic outlook. We know that 'all life is sorrowful.'

I am sure that many of us could prove the Buddha right. However, I am about to offer you a perspective that you might not have considered. Not only do we have a lot to be thankful for this year, but every one of us is extremely lucky.

All of us owe a debt of gratitude to the society in which we live because it does not simply allow us to live in it -- it makes our lives possible. Despite all the ills and evils and everything wrong with our country and our society, we are still able to live lives that can be meaningful and to reach whatever end we choose. We forget sometimes that the government, everybody's favorite big brother, does a great deal behind the scenes to make our lives stable and livable. Even though the airports and such are now maybe less convenient, the government is working non-stop to keep us safe from terrorist attacks.

The judicial system, with its own problems, ensures that we Americans have

our freedoms of speech, religion, to assemble. Have you ever considered what it might be like not to be able to take these for granted? How often are you mindful of the real people in the world who are not guaranteed such rights? What if someone committed a serious crime against you or someone you love? You can be confident in a police system that will pursue justice on your behalf. How many countries in the world have a police force that is a puppet organization, or very corrupt, or apathetic, nothing

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but mercenaries or wage-workers? How many populations have to live on edge, worrying about whether anyone will stand up for them because they are too weak or too afraid to defend themselves?

What about last week? How many of us had parents who were fortunate enough to take a day off from their well-paying jobs and come in their nice SUVs to pick us up for a break from our first-rate college education? How many were able to get home on time by using a long-distance transportation system that gets you to your destination the same day? There are people in the world who still have to walk!

How many of us have broken a bone or needed surgery? Have any of us ever doubted that we would be afforded the appropriate medical care needed to get well again? Most of the rest of the world does.

Our society permits and even ensures us to be able to pursue whatever vocation we

feel called to undertake. We live in a country where almost everyone has more than a chance at a fine life. You hear the success stories everywhere. How many of us are here right now because our educations are funded in part by the government?

I completely understand that this country and our society has many problems from many perspectives. I understand that its decisions, internally or internationally, are at times questionable or downright wrong. However, I don't think that it takes away

from the fact that they nonetheless make possible many things we enjoy. Our homes, education, security, jobs, and almost anything you can think of, are all made possible oftentimes in large part by this government and this society. While both are composed of individuals who are far from perfect, the same can be said about us.

And I think it's naïve to think that all of them are cutthroat businessmen who are out solely to turn a profit for themselves and anything positive that happens for others is a happy accident. Some of them, (maybe it's not even a stretch to say the majority), are out doing the best they can to provide us with goods and services to make possible lives that are absolutely luxurious by the standards of the rest of the world.

Perhaps this holiday season we will not draw a blank when we consider what we have to be thankful for. Even if everything else is going wrong, we certainly owe a debt of gratitude to the society in which we live.

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Get your voice heard!

Send a letter to the editor!

There's only one issue of *The Greyhound* left before Christmas break, so if you've been meaning to write that letter or complain about that columnist, now's the time!

Email your letters to www.loyolagreyhound.com or Opinions Editor Nick Brown (npbrown@loyola.edu). Include name, class year and major. The deadline for letters is Friday.

Which movie brings out the most yuletide cheer?

Every year, families across our great nation break out the eggnog, decorate the

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tree, and turn on a nice Christmas movie to avoid having to talk to one another. Whether it's a feel-good flick or a wacky holiday adventure, Christmas films remind us all how much fun the holidays can be.

For me, there is one Christmas film that stands head and shoulders above the rest: "The Year Without a Santa Claus."

Now for those of you who haven't had the pleasure of sitting down and watching this 1970s Rankin Bass stop-animation classic, I'll get you up to speed. Santa had a wicked cold and felt under-appreciated up in the North Pole, so he decided it was time to take a Christmas off. Typical lazy upper class white man, he has to turn in one day of hard work a year and is finding a way out of it.

Luckily, Santa had Mrs. Claus and a few helpful elves who decided to go rustle up some Christmas spirit. They decided to head down to the good ole U.S. of A. to a place called Southtown. And this is where the story gets interesting.

In Southtown, it never snowed and Christmas spirit was at an all-time low. So

Mrs. Claus called up her old gal pal Mother Nature to see if she could scare up some wintry weather. Mother Nature had two sons -- the Heat Miser and the Snow Miser. They were always fighting and rapping -- a regular Snowy Biggie and Sunburnt Tupac.

The Heat Miser dropped lines like, "I'm Mister Sun...I'm Mister Heat Blister..I'm Mister Hundred and One," to which his brother would reply, "I'm Mister Snow...I'm

Mister Icicle...I'm Mister Ten Below." The war of words grew ugly, and their tensions ran over into the streets of Southtown.

Luckily, Mrs.

Claus and Mother Nature brokered a deal allowing the Heat Miser to warm the North Pole after Christmas in exchange for a white Christmas in Southtown. The locals' faith in Christmas was renewed by the snow, and their spirits helped Santa recover in time for Christmas.

Sadly, the battle continues for the Heat and Snow Miser brothers. The Heat Miser has a mighty army: every time you hear a Loyola student remark, "Ughh I hate cold weather; why can't I just wear my flip flops all year around?" he grows stronger.

It's December, people, time for ice and snow, so don't get caught up in warm thoughts. Get in the holiday mood, make yourself a festive cocktail and turn on the tube...tis the season!

"Hasta la Navidad, baby."

Clearly, I'm casting my vote for best kids'

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Christmas movie of all time to the gem called "Jingle All the Way."

Since it's so hard to choose from the many holiday movies aimed at preteens and youngsters, I decided that I had to

go with one of the best holiday films in recent memory. That isn't meant as an attempt to demean this cinematic master-piece but rather as a way of qualifying an often overlooked contribution to the field as an equal to the classics of old.

Before you start roasting chestnuts in preparation to kick back and watch it, the cast of this marvel of celluloid will leave you as breathless as Santa after two laps at the FAC.

In a Christmas miracle akin to the 34th Street variety, Arnold Schwarzenegger is a hopelessly negligent father on an impossibly festive mission to snag the season's hottest toy on Christmas Eve.

The toy happens to be an action figure that looks like it was modeled after the Governorator himself, which is probably how it pummeled its way to the top of the yuletide sales list.

But wait, there's more!

Back when a rare breed of egomaniacal celebrities first started calling themselves by only one name, there was a fearless comic who boldly took to the spotlight and declared, "I will look terribly overweight by wearing flamboyant and outdated track suits. And I will be mildly funny while doing it!"

That man was Sinbad, and he too

graces the silver screen in our wintry tour de force. And who better to play a deranged postal worker than someone who was

only a few small steps away from being a mailman to begin with?

To add emotional depth to our intellectual inspection, this would prove to be one of the last few great performances turned in by Phil Hartman. I can scarcely get to the refrain of "Jingle Bells" without getting a little verklempt.

In the end, after you boil away the superstar cast, the Oscar-worthy one-liners, and the physical comedy complete with multiple groin shots and letter bombs, you're left with the story of a father who needs to buy a toy to make his son love him.

And if that isn't the true meaning of Christmas, then it just plain doesn't exist.

"When you boil away the superstar cast and the Oscar-worthy one-liners, 'Jingle All the Way' leaves you with the story of a father who needs to buy a toy to make his son love him."

**P-O-I-N-T/
COUNTERPOINT**

"Bodies" crosses line, right down to the bone

Disclaimer: don't eat while reading this. Thanksgiving means family, and this year, my family from Hawaii was in town. My

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SLIVIN' ON THE EDGE

mother, wanting to spend as much time as possible with them, mentioned that they were going to see the Bodies exhibit the next day. She thought we should go, too. At this point I was halfway through my lunch, frozen in disgust at her timing with bringing up that exhibit. This disgust only continued when she started talking about skin peeled away from the bone. Whoa! Too much information.

The next night at dinner, the topic of the Bodies exhibit was revisited by my aunt, who had just seen it that day. I gently encouraged her to change the subject, since we were eating, but just like her sister (my mother), she persisted. I knew it was a losing battle; I put my fork down and surrendered my appetite.

Outrageously nauseating. Creepy at best. Nightmare-inducing. My father added that he never thought they could do it in this country. His prediction proved true when he learned that the exhibit originated in Asia.

My cousins, half Filipino, discussed how they are clearly Asian bodies on display. It started as an art exhibit and changed to science, "because that's what it really is," my aunt informed the table.

These are deceased people. Dead bodies. Can we say horror film? And not even a good one. A film that is so outrageously impossible and grotesque that it is not believable... but there it is in Manhattan, with a line around the corner to get in. Controversy: Is it science -- a beautiful representation of our amazing bodies and the infrastructure within -- or a vomitous freak show that should be avoided at all costs?

Just looking at the Web site is overwhelming. Maybe I'm overreacting, but my natural instinct is to scream. The bodies are all in positions. Now, you know they didn't die and freeze up mid-tennis serve. How did they get put in those positions? Who actually has that job? Whose job is ripping the skin off? Ahhh! I know it's science, but there is a line. Isn't there? Are the families of these "bodies" aware that this is where their son, daughter, or spouse went? Are they proud of the contribution to science?

Why couldn't we just make models of bodies made out of good old plastic? We would've gotten the idea just fine that way. These bodies are preserved, but for how long? Supposedly they last indefinitely, as

if indestructible material, but I have a hard time with that. I'm skittish about seeing dead bodies in the first place, let alone rotten ones.

And where do the pieces of body that aren't used go? That's something they probably don't mention on the Web site. I would hate to be the garbage man that day.

Dalian Medical University Plastination Laboratories in the People's Republic of China is the founder of this exhibit. They thought to themselves, "We're having so

much fun with this, how can we make a few more bucks? I know! Let's sell merchandise." Are you kidding? Here, have a T-shirt that says 'bodies' on it. Sure, if you're

familiar with the exhibit then it's just partially strange, but what about the people that haven't heard about it? Now you're just a weirdo wearing a shirt that reads "bodies."

I'm surprised they didn't have a shirt that has the "I <3 NY" design and replace 'NY' with 'bodies.' There are also keychains with pictures of bodies on them. Does the family of that body sell the rights, or what? Do they get paid for every keychain that gets sold? Mugs are available too. If you're looking for a Christmas gift for your geeky science professor, this may be the ticket.

I think this all started with Egyptians. We're jealous of their pyramids. We still can't figure out how they built 'em, so we'll

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just steal their mummifying preservative techniques. Except instead of wrapping the bodies, like the Egyptians did, we'll display them in a window and charge money to see them! Screw your pyramids. We stole your mummy idea, and we're making money off it. In your face, Egyptians.

On the Bodies Web site (<http://www.bodiestheexhibition.com/bodies.html>), you can view comments. Of course there are no bad comments, such as, "Yeah, I lost my lunch, just like I thought I would." It's all crazy things like, "Worth seeing more than once." That someone may want to go more than once makes me nervous, because you know it's only a matter of time until it becomes a weekly thing. Soon you'll be hanging out there so much you'll have names for all the different bodies.

"Hun, I'm going to be coming home late tonight -- I'm meeting up with Scott."

You leave out the part that Scott doesn't have skin on his body and is mounted on a pole in a display case.

If this column lacks the visual description you were hoping for, just go online and click on the video. I am not clicking that button. I won't do it. For my own mental well-being, I am not watching "the video." It's possible the video is just a scientist talking about his idea for the exhibit.

Or it could be a step-by-step documentation of preserving a brain or draining out blood.

Either way, it's not worth the risk for me, but if that stuff turns you on, go right ahead.

Let your freak flag fly.

THUMBS

BY BRIDGETHANAHAN & STEVESTANTON

Fields Old Trail -- Because we've thumbs-downed Craig's in as many ways as we could, we'd like to point out one of York Road's positive aspects: the lovely and delightful "Mom and Pop's" atmosphere of Fields. With cheese balls cheesier than our jokes, burgers big enough to satiate any appetite, and a homely atmosphere that oozes comfort and joy, we'd thumbs-up Fields every day of the week.

Black-Out on Black-Out -- This past week, senior students were fortunate enough to experience their very own community black-out. From the library down to York Road, we seniors were in the dark. Papers were lost, students were adrift, acts of desperation were occurring, and lives were on the brink of destruction, so we did the only thing we knew how: blacked out.

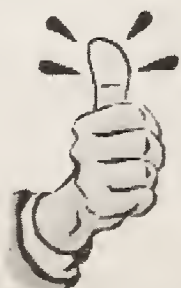
Carol of the Belles (and Chimes) -- Everyone can sing. Most people even think they're good at it. But chances are, they aren't. This week, though, we get a chance to hear some students who actually can sing at least as well as David Hasslehoff. Chordbusters and Lessons and Carols always promise to enthrall the masses of cheering college coeds with the best vocals this side of Clay Aiken's Christmas CD.



Gin and Juiced -- It's an outrage! Just when we were about to get the truth -- er, a highly fictionalized account of the possible actions O.J. Simpson might have taken -- the mass media decides to go all morality on us and cancel it. Well, I guess we can only hope that this paves the way for O.J.'s next book, "If I Didn't Do It...They'd Still Be Alive."

Global Warming -- As much as we love wearing flip flops in November and despite the fact that we're going to bitch and moan when the weather gets colder, there's something about this warm weather that makes us a tad uncomfortable. The icebergs are melting, the flies are plagueing, the babies are crying! We hate to say it, but maybe Al Gore was right -- global warming sucks.

Finally Finals -- With classes on the cusp of concluding, we have once again come to the realization that we have learned a lot this semester and we don't think we should be tested on it. If only the professors agreed with us. We know you haven't been paying attention so far and everyone always says you can't learn everything in one week, so why not take the rest of the semester off? You've earned it. Take a seat next to us at the bar.



Government conspiracy likely in Litvinenko case

It has become a game of finger-pointing in the recent death of ex-Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko, who died last week from poisoning

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by radioactive polonium-210.

Was it a sushi lunch date gone awry, or was the deadly isotope exposed to him by one of the multiple locales the ex-KGB agent visited on Nov. 1?

That is the trail Scotland Yard is trying not to lose as 12 locations in the London area have confirmed traces of the radioactive substance.

On Wednesday, British Airways confirmed that two of its planes also contained traces of radiation.

Litvinenko, a harsh critic of the Russian government and former colonel in the FSB (a Russian agency which fulfills the same role as the former Soviet Union's KGB), was granted asylum in England in 2000.

Recently, he was investigating the death of Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya, an outspoken critic of the Russian government's military involvement in Chechnya.

Politkovskaya was assassinated in October in her home -- the 13th journalist murdered in the country since Vladimir Putin took power in 2000. Thus far, none of the murders have been solved.

So the ex-spy's death has become a classic whodunit -- with the British authorities and police piecing together Litvinenko's movements on that fateful day:

It began with a meeting with close friend and Russian billionaire Boris Berezovsky, who believes the entire incident reeks of conspiracy. Litvinenko later stopped at a sushi bar for lunch, where he met with a contact who gave him information related to Ms. Politkovskaya's slaying as well as a list targeting certain individuals said to be in danger from a criminal ring in St.

Petersburg. There are some reports saying that Mr. Litvinenko's name was on that list.

So, for the second time in less than two months, President Putin and his government have been at the center of what appears to be an international conspiracy to cover up the dirty work of assassinating a journalist and the man investigating her mob-style murder.

With none of the previous 12 journalists' deaths solved, in a country where vocal critics have a shortened life expectancy, is it farfetched to think that those responsible for Litvinenko's death could be members of Russia's government -- the same government from which Litvinenko fell out of favor before being granted asylum?

And as for the British Airways flights that were found to have traces of the substance that killed Litvinenko, they were traveling between London and Moscow -- strengthening the link between Russian involvement in Litvinenko's poisoning.

It seems this situation is becoming a very low-level "nuclear fallout" as the investigation yields more and more links to Russia.

The government, however, was quick to point the blame at Boris Berezovsky to undermine his credibility, citing political and financial corruption charges, by which they tried but failed to have him extradited.

The motive?

The Kremlin says plans by Mr. Berezovsky to buy corrupt power in recent years were thwarted.

The truth remains to be seen. Many people are beginning to buy into the Russian government conspiracy, as the method of taking out certain people from the mainstream becomes more apparent. In a place where reporting the news is risky business, this latest incident seems to have placed yet another ominous cloud of distrust over the Russian government and its priorities -- even overseas.

The final straw: a case for a new test system

I don't know about you, but I love finals. And not just the tests themselves. I love everything about finals -- you know, the

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entire aura that surrounds them from the day we get back from Thanksgiving break and lasts until the moment we head back home for a month of gluttony and lethargy. Honestly, who doesn't love finals? Who doesn't cherish the few weeks that come at the end of every semester full of absolute devotion to study that give us stress levels similar to those of Denny Green after a certain Cardinals' Monday Night Football loss to the Chicago Bears? Who doesn't enjoy a few weeks of life devoid of fun, relaxation, binge drinking, leisure reading, and Nintendo Wii?

In case the sarcasm didn't translate, what I'm getting at is that I hate finals. I loathe them and everything about them. And don't get me wrong, I study hard for my finals and have always managed to do well on them, but personally, I can't stand the preparatory process. I've never quite come

to grips with what is actually happening during finals weeks, because I find the entire process absurd and almost unbelievable.

I know, we need finals. We need a means of judging our progress over the semester, a means of assuring our professors that we retained the valuable information they taught us in the past three months. But is one big giant test that looms over our heads like an impending thunderstorm really the best means of grading our progress? I, for one (probably for many), don't think so.

I find the whole situation entirely too similar to the SAT. Once upon a time, the SAT was test of scholastic aptitude. Today, the SAT is a test of how well one can take, well, the SAT. I think finals are just the same. Some students are simply not good test-takers. They buckle under pressure. They sweat bullets. They forget everything they had known so well just moments before entering the foreboding lair of a classroom to slay the beast of a final that lay before them. In other words, they panic.

And why shouldn't they? Most finals are worth at least 25 to 30 percent of one's final grade, and we're told of the dreadful date

on the very first day of class. We're utterly terrified of walking into a classroom with a good grade and walking out with one significantly worse. Finals loom over us the entire semester. They're just like the first day of school: we refuse to acknowledge their existence until they're only days away, and we end up throwing all our clothes into a suitcase the night before, in our panic forgetting to pack something like a laptop that is absolutely vital to our success. The similarities are uncanny.

So I guess instead of just making complaints and drawing out analogies, I should propose some sort of means of replacing the system that I so adamantly oppose, because I do acknowledge the fact some sort of final examination is definitely necessary to keep college students in check. For whatever reason, examination has come to be synonymous with test, whereas it should mean an analysis or an evaluation.

Is it absurd to think that we can't have a system where we have one exam for each class -- an essay, a long test, a presentation, whatever -- to do on our own time, in our dorm rooms or the library, or anywhere for

that matter? I would like to think that professors believe students are responsible adults who can manage their time. I would also like to believe that students would be responsible enough to resist the temptation of partying every night for two weeks and saving five classes worth of finals for the night of Dec. 21.

Am I, as a mere sophomore in college, too naïve to believe that such a system could possibly work? It has great potential. It won't stress out students unless they're irresponsible enough to let it stress them out, and at the same time, it would be hugely advantageous to those students who panic in test-taking situations. Unfortunately, such a system will probably never be implemented. But I do believe that if some school were bold and ambitious enough to experiment with a less stressful system of finals, they would see great results, and other schools would quickly follow.

And hey, maybe if this radical set of examinations ever is adopted, after finishing my finals, I'll be able to at my grades and exclaim, "Those tests are what I thought they were!"

O Christmas Tree: politics' latest victim

"This tree is going to fulfill all of my Christmas fantasies."

SUSANLEITHOLF

Uttered by my 16-year-old brother as he lovingly cradled our newly cut and purchased nine-and-a-half-foot-tall Concolor Fir during the car ride back from the Christmas tree farm, this sentence

contains several important words -- one being 'Christmas.'

On the Sunday morning after Thanksgiving, my parents, brother, and I piled into the van armed with a saw, markers for potential trees, a tarp to protect the floor of our vehicle, and coffee to serve as protection against the early-morning hour. Whether you think we're too intense or right on the mark, you've probably realized that

a Christmas tree is very important to each member of my family, albeit for different reasons. I like the bright lights and glittery decorations, as well as the fresh piney scent. For my brother, as you may have guessed, the tree is simply the best part of Christmas; plus he likes to have a taller tree than all of his friends.

Even though my mother does not enjoy actually decorating the tree, both she and my father feel that it is important to have a cozy, welcoming home, especially during the holiday season.

During the car ride home, as I leaned against the window because our tree was taking up so much space, I listened in awe while my parents discussed talk that has occurred recently over the outlawing/frowning upon/ however you want to put it...of Christmas trees.

Now, I believe that everyone should be fully enabled to celebrate their own religious holidays in their own cherished ways. This is still America. In America, many people are very big on keeping a clear distinction between church and state.

So why do we have to be politically correct about a religious holiday?

As Congressman J. Dennis Hastert expressed just over a year ago, "A Christmas tree is a Christmas tree, and it is as simple as that."

Mathew Staver, of the law group Liberty Council, offered a poignant simile when he said that "to rename a Christmas tree as a holiday tree is as offensive as renaming a Jewish menorah a candlestick." Controversial as that statement may be, it has a very crucial message -- the symbols of our religious holidays are very near and dear to our hearts, and we don't want anyone to tell us that they are right or wrong.

It's one thing to say "Happy Holidays" when you are unsure of your audience. I myself send out Christmas cards each year, because that is the holiday that I celebrate. However, I know that not everyone on my list feels the same, so I acknowledge that. Even if I send a Christmas card, I write

something along the lines of "Happy Holidays," as a way of wishing those who don't celebrate Christmas well in his or her pursuit of his or her own holiday while still giving credence to my Christmas.

However, it's another thing to be chastised for saying "Merry Christmas" or for putting up the biggest, flashiest Christmas tree you darn well please when your intention is only to spread the joy to those who love Christmas.

As I said above, I am all for openness and for respecting all cultures. Just because I, and others like me, cherish Christmas and all that is a part of it, does not mean that any other holiday that occurs at the same time of year is any less important.


It just means that we want to celebrate our holiday. Others

are free to celebrate theirs. In the words of Jared N. Leland of the Becket Fund, "Celebrating the season with Christmas trees ... and leaving them named 'Christmas' is simply recognizing the religious nature of people."

Why can't people just relax and enjoy the most wonderful time of the year?

Ho ho ho.

"This is still America. In America, many people are very big on keeping a clear distinction between church and state. So why do we have to be politically correct about a religious holiday?"




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On the Quad

How do you feel about the fact that it's 70 degrees in December?

By Alexandra Dykhous



"Actually, I like it because I'm from up north, and I'm tired of the cold."

Michael Conti '10

Business



"Honestly, we love it 'cause we hate winter."

Lauren Aponte '09, Business, and
Vanessa Ciarabino '09, Accounting



"We feel like this is going to be the end of the world."

Courtney McNamara '10, Psychology,
and Kelsey Powell '10, Undecided



"Global Warming is finally here."

James Kegley '09, Accounting



"I like it a little bit; I don't like it getting warm and then cold though, 'cause then I get sick."

Eric Scotto '09, Engineering

Do you want to be in "On The Quad?" Look for Alexandra Dykhous on the quad, Friday afternoons.

Three NFL games on Thanksgiving? I'll pass

Ah, Thanksgiving -- an appreciative holiday commonly seen as a time to relax, eat, and commune with family and friends.

ERIN OLIVERI

After my relatives devour the delicious and filling meal, the troops fight one another for the prime spots on the couch. They kick off their shoes, get comfortable, and turn on the television. What a surprise! The Detroit Lions are playing their 67th annual Thanksgiving Day game against the Miami Dolphins. No Thanksgiving would be complete without this All-American tradition, not to mention the entertaining half-time show that I thoroughly enjoy.

Despite being seen as a sport followed only by beer-drinking, macho males, I think that every girl at least wants to figure out what all the fuss is about. So why not on Thanksgiving? Consequently, I decided to jump on the testosterone bandwagon by intently watching and occasionally yelling at the television screen. This was all fairly pleasant, but picking the not-so-contemporary John Fogerty as the half-time performer was clearly a poor choice on the NFL's part.

OK, so game over -- the Dolphins pummel the Lions 27-10. I set out a sigh of relief, knowing that we can finally change the channel to something else. I had my fill of men in tight pants throwing around a pigskin for one day.

But, to no avail! There were the Dallas Cowboys, playing their in 39th Thanksgiving Day game against the Tampa

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Bay Buccaneers. My father, uncle, and various other male relatives would be glued to the television for yet another three hours. Oh, and I forgot to mention that being an eighteen-year-old girl, I had no power to veto this football legislation. There goes another chunk of my life wasted. The only highlights of this game were Kelly Clarkson's beautiful rendition of the National Anthem and Carrie Underwood's stellar

performance between halves.

En route to the final stop on my Thanksgiving Day excursion, I was ecstatic to play with my adorable younger cousins, who would hopefully be watching reruns of Spiderman or a classic Disney film. The NFL could not possibly dish out any more of this mind-numbing game today, I assured myself.

Tears nearly began to fill my eyes when I saw the Kansas City Chiefs playing the Denver Broncos on my uncle's big screen. Three strikes and you're out, NFL! The only positive thing about this game was that it was on the NFL Network, so those without the channel did not have to be subjected to the torture that I could not seem to elude.

The one day of the year when everyone gathers to give thanks for all that is good in their lives has been tainted by the NFL's force-feeding

tactics. One game, I can understand. Even two games is a tradition. But three games -- you're simply kicking a girl when she's down. How can a family truly bond and celebrate Thanksgiving if the entire male portion is reduced to slaves of the pigskin?

Next year, if I only have to watch one football game on Thanksgiving, I might just have a plethora of things to be grateful for.



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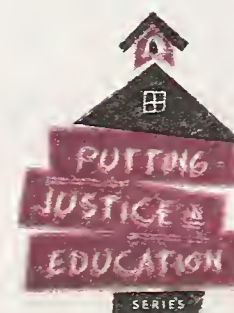
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Students display a forgotten Berlin in masterful detail



BY DAN CORRIGAN
STAFF WRITER

In 1946, Wilhelm Furtwängler, the premier conductor in Germany, was dragged before the Denazification Tribunal in Berlin to determine whether he was a Nazi sympathizer, as was the case with many prominent German citizens in the post-war years. Eventually, the tribunal tossed him to two opposing groups of American investigators: one working in Furtwängler's defense and the other pushing the case against him.

Such is the background sketched out by Ronald Hardwood in his play "Taking Sides," performed by the Poisoned Cup Players this past weekend in McManus Theater. The play focuses attention upon that second group of American investigators and features a series of tense interrogations of Furtwängler, among others.

Upon entering the theater, one immediately took note of the dilapidated set dominating the stage: a one-room office, paint cracked and peeling off walls, and a spot of better-preserved paint on one wall in the shape of what

looked to be a Nazi eagle, a ghostly reminder of the thugs that used to inhabit the space. Also in the room was a desk at which Major Steve Arnold, played by Greg Westphal, '08, was fond of napping, and a smaller one for Emmi Straube, played by Bobbi Datz, '10, the stenographer. There were two chairs as well. One was normally inhabited by senior David Hepburn's character, Lieutenant David Wills, and the other was reserved for those being questioned.

The play opened with music, a motif that floated throughout, and Westphal's Arnold snapping suddenly awake and launching into acerbic dialogue with Datz. This kind of behavior proved characteristic: Westphal played his character as a sudden and domineering kind, with moments of inspiration liberally peppered at appropriate points. The character ran into rough spots when interacting with Datz's unimposing but pleasingly strong-minded Straube, but these spots were few and often saved by the punchy delivery of lines.

David Hepburn, '07, played a convincing Lieutenant Wills, who



was pegged as a boy scout but was sincere enough to be something more. Wills was sent to play second fiddle to Arnold, the head investigator, and did a fair job heightening the conflict by standing as an obstacle to Arnold's imperious drive to perform a pin-up job on Furtwängler. Appropriately stiff during the first act, the second act saw his character loosening up as he came to sympathize more vocally with the besieged conductor.

Sophomore Len Savoleo made his appearance in the interrogation chair early on as Helmuth Rode, the comical and eager-to-please former second violinist from the Berlin Philharmonic, Furtwängler's old orchestra. While capable of a good range of expression, Savoleo geared the character toward providing necessary levity in the drama, even when saving his own hide while plea-bargaining and giving information against

Furtwängler toward the end.

Bursting onto stage for a brief interval before Arnold managed to shove her back off again, sophomore Mary Cameron played sympathetic Tamara Sachs, the widow of a Jewish pianist Furtwängler helped flee from Germany. She helped bring the tension up another notch while giving evidence in the conductor's favor, and struck a decent balance between being shrill at necessary points and slightly more sedate when explaining herself.

Half an hour into the play, we were finally greeted with the sight of sophomore Paul Zajac's brooding Furtwängler, who practically had a typhoon clouding up behind his brow. He and Westphal's Arnold often ended up competing for command of the stage, but in a way that heightened the drama rather than detracting from it. In fact, exchanges between the two formed some of the tensest moments of the play.

(far left) Junior Greg Westphal begins the Nazi-hunt as Major Steve Arnold, interrogating a violinist played by sophomore Len Savoleo. (left) Sophomore Paul Zajac enters as the suspect conductor, Furtwängler. (right) Freshman Bobbi Datz as Arnold's secretary, cannot take anymore of Major Arnold's mercilessness.

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The play unfolded from there and dipped and dived through the issue of the separation of art and politics. Questioning an established playwright at a college level won't get far, but it seems at times Hardwood's drama is more interested in imparting a vision of the embattled arts rather than encouraging audience members to ask their own questions and "take sides."

This is no fault of the PCP, though, who pull off the play with a respectable amount of intelligence and showmanship. "Taking Sides" will go down as an honorable entry in the PCP canon and was well worth seeing for anyone who had the chance. As with most things, quality was proven in the details: after the drama had played itself out, the audience was left with the shadow of Wilhelm Furtwängler, his reputation ruined by overzealous pursuit, sadly waving his hand in time to faint strains of music.

Newsom masters vocal range, adds orchestra for latest work

BY CHRIS DILLON
MUSIC CRITIC

Joanna Newsom — *Ys*
2006 — Drag City Records
★★★★★ (out of 5)

"The meadowlark and the chimney-choo-ree and the sparrow/Set to the sky in a flying spree, for the sport of the pharaoh..." So begins the first track of Joanna Newsom's epic second album *Ys*. The five songs on the album total 55 minutes and are multi-movement compositions filled with deeply descriptive lyrics. All of the songs build an illustrious sound off of Newsom's beautiful harp.

On *Ys* Newsom took an entirely different approach at production than on her debut, *The Milk-Eyed Mender*. Four of the five songs have a full orchestra accompanying Newsom, drastically adding texture to Newsom's melody and rhythm as well as accentuating

many understated movements in the songs.

Joanna Newsom's *Ys* is one of the most acclaimed albums of the year, an extremely difficult feat for an artist whose style and sound is off-putting to many a first listener. Newsom's unique voice is often the first thing a listener notices. Somewhere between a cartoon character and an overly articulate second grader, she reels off poetically dense lyrics. She also has commanding vocal range; her delicate alto can be quickly silenced before letting out a high-pitched squeak followed by her beautiful soprano.

Joanna Newsom's music is finding a comfortable home blurring the lines between obscure independent music and the artsy avant-garde. She's often been described as being a member of the current psychedelic folk movement, yet she merely deems this the media's attempt at creating

labels for what is essentially indefinable.

For *Ys*, Newsom managed to attract an acclaimed core of producers, engineers, and musicians to put together this immense endeavor.

Co-producing the album with Newsom as well as arranging the orchestral music is Van Dyke Parks, most famous for co-writing Brian Wilson's *Smile*. Newsom, also, attracted recording engineer Steve Albini, whose work on Nirvana's *In Utero* as well as the Pixies' *Surfer Rosa* made him one of the most acclaimed recording engineers of all time. Mixing the production was left to Jim O'Rourke, a legend in his own right for his contributions to modern experimental music, as well as his pseudo-membership in the band Sonic Youth.

All of the songs on *Ys* require a great deal of attention, the shortest track "Cosmia" lasts over 7

minutes, the longest track "Only Skin" ends at nearly 17 minutes. The songs often have wildly inventive story-telling which take on a varied cast of perspectives. The poetic language she uses helps create a mystical world and her verses seem to paint moments of beauty. The music parallels to the lyrics in its movement form, whereby, as melodies are reprised the lyrics and themes are also echoed.

Ultimately, *Ys* marks an incredible achievement for the 24 year-old musician. It is unlike anything else to come out of music this year. *Ys* might be very difficult to approach and is not for the casual music listener.

However, with a kind and careful ear, one can hear how Newsom has masterfully used her unique voice and beautiful harping to unveil a beautiful world filled with simple yet deeply affecting imagery.



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Changing her style, Joanna Newsom has a full orchestra accompaniment in her acclaimed new album, *Ys*.

Otep performs unforgettable show for B'more fanatics

By LAILA HANSON
STAFF WRITER

Otep is not a typical band. They're not a typical anything. They're an entire breed of their own, redefining poetry and art, evolving everyday. With each album they release, Otep puts in every ounce of passion they have and more, stretching the limits of music but never the limits of creativity. They are so hard to define that no article or review can do them justice; no live performance can be summed up accurately without it being a paltry effort. Currently headlining a tour (demanded by fans via Eventful.com) to promote the early 2007 release of their new album, the L.A. based metal band Otep spews out a pure catharsis of emotion, taking over their audiences, performing shows so incredible that can only be described as ritualistic.

On Saturday night, Baltimore was lucky enough to be hit full-force by The Ascension tour. After the local opening bands Anamide and Anubis warmed up the audience, the techs hurried to prepare the stage for Otep. The mic stand slithering with ribbons and several other props and masks hinted that this was not going to be a regular concert. Soon, most of the band powered on stage, initiating screams and rock gestures from the audience. Band members Brian Wolff, Karma Cheema, and Evil J started playing low beats, getting the audience riled up and screaming for Otep Shamaya, the lead singer and namesake of the band. After what seemed like an eternity, she sauntered onstage, returning the gestures to the fans and sliding out her tongue in KISS fashion.

The concert that followed was powerful - spiritually and physically draining on everyone present in the best way possible. From the fast moving, energetic "Battle Ready" to the moshing-inducing final song, "Menocide," Otep offered the sold out Fletcher's crowd a soul-wrenching experience from beginning to end, impossible to forget.

Most bands make small talk between their songs at concerts. Otep made her "talk" part of the performance. Reciting her 2005 Def Poetry (HBO) performance piece, "Dedicated to my Enemy," as a build-up for the thundering "Hooks and Splinters" was definitely a high point of the evening. The singer pounded on her own body in conjunction with the powerful, upsetting words she uttered, "It was his fucking fist into her fucking side...and why? Because there was a baby, barely three months alive. But I survived." This produced claps, cheers, and even some tears from the audience.

Otep also muttered statistics as part of the build up to the songs, "Every two seconds, somewhere in this world, a woman is raped...by someone she loves...someone she trusts. Every two seconds, somewhere in this world, a child is a victim of violence!" It definitely made an impact on the fans, and Otep encouraged people to "revolt" both then and at the end of the night.

Otep was so involved with the words she spoke and sang, that she made it equally a visual arts performance and a musical one. With the slow moving, pulsing "My Confession," Otep made a poem-type speech about sins as a build up, including a small statue/icon as a prop, moving her



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Otep blasted soul-wrenching lyrics to a sold out crowd, Saturday night at Fletcher's.

hands over it while she spoke. When performing a new song, "Ghostflowers," from the upcoming album, she donned a top hat. More often than not, she jumped and head-banged on the stage, reiterating the movement of the audience. When at least three crowd surfers made it on stage, she offered them a hand, helping them up instead of giving them a look of annoyance as other bands might.

Otep took a break between songs to bring up current politics, listening to the eager words of the audience. Jokingly, she said, "Hey, everyone here paid to listen to me, not to listen to you," then grinned and urged everyone to pay attention, launching into a great speech about the recent elections. Afterwards, she went right back into the music, saying "Now back to your regularly scheduled programming."

The most intense song of the night was the deeply personal "Jonestown Tea." During most of the almost 14-minute song, Otep covered her eyes with a stocking cap, blinding herself while she recited the extreme words. The audience was at a standstill. Afterwards, Otep spoke to them with appreciation, "This song's really hard for me to perform, but with great fucking audiences like you, I feel safe..." She also mentioned the impact the song had on people: "Someone used this to tell their mother that their father was raping them. And now that motherfucker is in jail." The song was both invigorating and stunning.

Otep finished up the night thanking everyone. It's obvious that Otep is more about the art and fans than commercializing. With sentiments like that, it is no wonder that their concerts are sold out.

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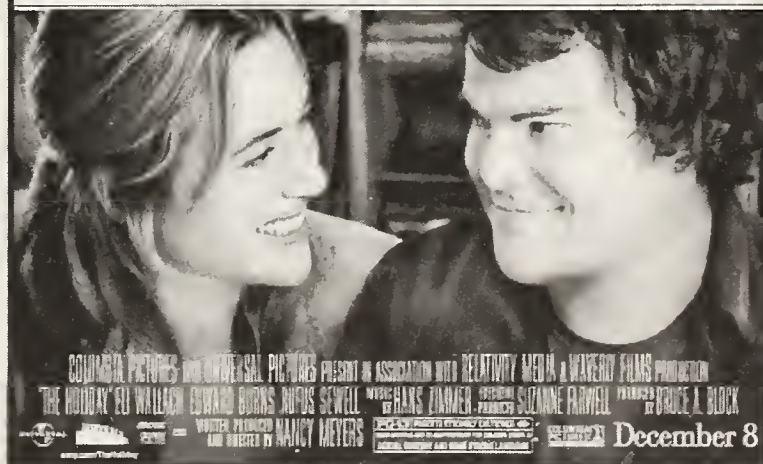
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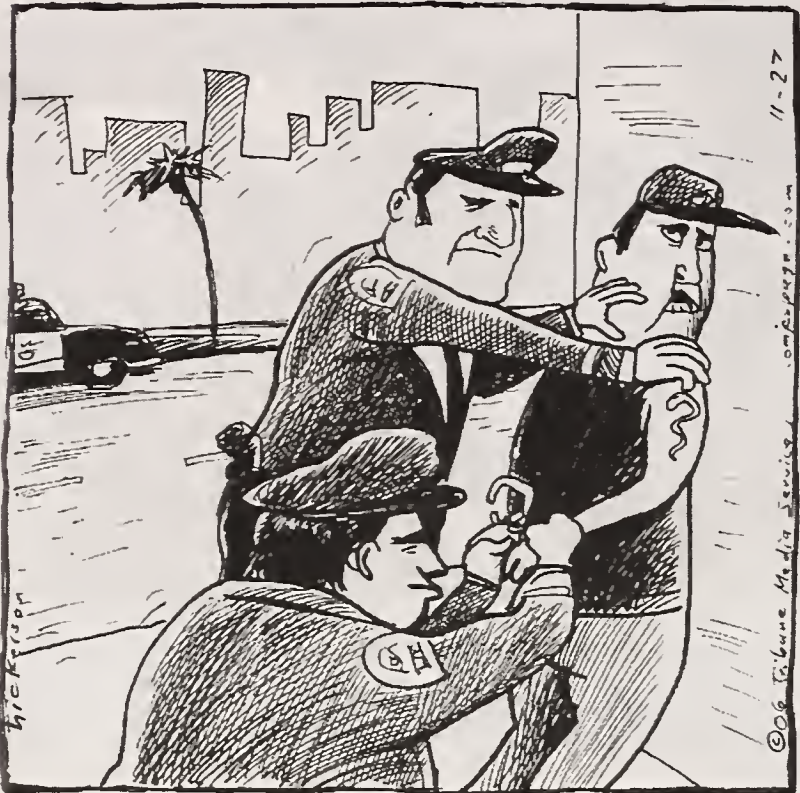


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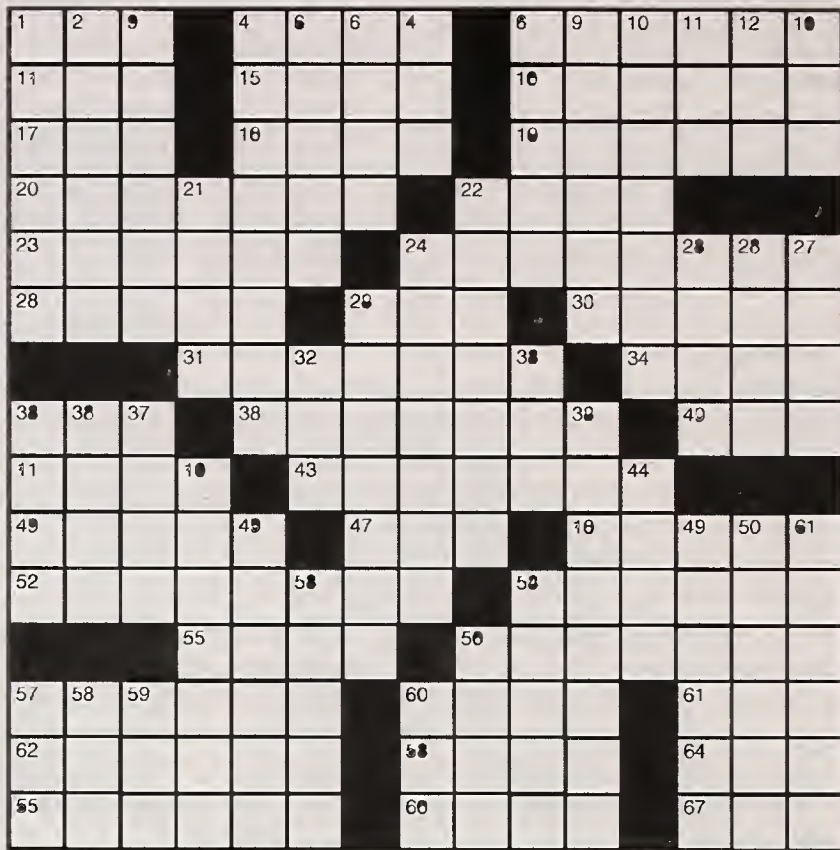


"You guys should be busting my evil mood ring!
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- 1 Sis or bro
 - 4 Overhaul
 - 8 Motto or slogan, e.g.
 - 14 Rocky pinnacle
 - 15 Kuwaiti ruler
 - 16 Wanderer
 - 17 Fuss
 - 18 Fireside yarn
 - 19 Excursion
 - 20 Aluminum wrapping
 - 22 Helen or Bonnie
 - 23 Not hip at all
 - 24 Walking like a duck
 - 28 Capital of South Korea
 - 29 Damage to a degree
 - 30 Family car
 - 31 Paraphrases
 - 34 Signoret film, "Madame _"
 - 35 Have a meal
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 - 40 Statute
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 - 52 In an agitated state
 - 54 Furrow
 - 55 Lift one's voice
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 - 60 Series or skirt lead-in
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Solutions to last week's puzzle

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- 50 Confessor
- 51 Impressionist painter
- 53 Motionless
- 54 Hopeless case
- 56 Meerschaum or corncob
- 57 Mineral spring
- 58 Building extension
- 59 Quick blow
- 60 Unruly crowd

Aries (March 21-April 20) Over the next four days, minor disagreements may steadily escalate. Romantic partners and close relatives may this week offer

expectations. Probe for answers or added social information and expect minor revelations to soon inspire clarity or renewed agreements.

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strong opinions or boldly challenge established social roles.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) After Tuesday, watch for a rare job announcement to trigger a short-term controversy. Thursday through Saturday, romantic attractions intensify: remain cautious concerning new flirtations and, if possible, avoid mildly unethical social invitations.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Family relationships may this week begin a delicate phase of emotional negotiations. Monday through Thursday, expect roommates or relatives to openly challenge past ideals, time schedules or home

Cancer (June 22-July 22) After Thursday, home relationships may require new sensitivity: remain diplomatic but ask loved ones for concrete decisions. Later this week, pamper the body and enjoy private family activities: friends and relatives need to witness your devotion.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Before mid-week, a controversial invitation, inappropriate flirtation or unexpected workplace attraction may trigger speculation or group debate. A cautious approach is best. New love affairs, although positive, will temporarily strain business or family relations: if possible, remain quietly detached. After Thursday, a powerful wave of social nostalgia arrives.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Many Virgos will soon opt to bring significant change to their public reputation, workplace skills or long-term educational commitments. A recent phase of isolation or fading ambition will no longer derail new proposals: expect meaningful change before mid-January.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) After Wednesday, close friend or relative may request a detailed explanation of past events. Social triangles, repeated patterns, traditional family roles and complex decisions may be at issue: stay focused.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A romantic introduction, improved friendship or unexpected job proposal may this week challenge established routines or daily business goals. Monday through Thursday is a strong time for social expansion and renewed career ambition. Take time to fully explore all potential partnerships: you won't be disappointed. After Friday, some Scorpios may

experience a dramatic improvement in home finances or living arrangements.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Early this week, loved ones may wish to expand their daily social commitments, hobbies or team activities. Join in and explore new options: shared goals or creative suggestions will soon improve intimacy and long-term trust between friends.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Close friends and relatives are now strongly motivated to bring added security into their daily lives. Career accomplishment and long-term financial goals may be a private source of tension. Although the desire for change is deeply felt, stay focused on immediate or short-term goals. Friday through Sunday, minor skin or digestive ailments may be bothersome: get extra rest.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) A rare romantic proposal or passionate invitation may this week demand response. Someone close may

now wish to expand the public commitment of a key relationship. Family obligations, renewed social confidence and long-term home plans may all be at issue.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) After Tuesday, respond quickly to the public instructions of authority figures but privately wait for experienced managers to provide accurate facts or reliable procedures. Later this week, a recently shy friend or lover may propose unique travel plans. Stay open: serious intentions will soon be revealed.

If your birthday is this week: Business expansion and workplace creativity will be a continuing theme for 2007. Early in March, a long-term relationship may require careful emotional attention. Family differences, social values and unacceptable group behaviors may be at issue. Demand lasting change and expect quick action: relationships that are intended to stay in your life will greatly expand throughout the spring and summer months.



Loyola athletics searching for answers

By DAVE LOMONICO
SPORTS EDITOR

The following is the first of a two-part series.

Twelve years removed from Loyola's athletic pinnacle when five teams reached the NCAA Tournament in one season, the recollections of that magical 1993-94 school year are but a fading memory to those who were here to revel in it.

Realistically, a small college like Loyola cannot expect to have five Division I teams reach the postseason every year. But little did we know that it would be over a decade later, and the Hounds, as an entire athletic body, still have not come close to reaching that bar.

For the past 12 years, a variety of factors from financial constraints, to political problems, to poor facilities, to academic standards, have limited what the college can do athletically.

"The College has its priorities, and it's always been academics first and sports second," Director of Athletics Joe Boylan said. "We get our share [of finances], but athletics do not drive the institution."

The athletic department will express that a college's athletic success is not measured

in terms of wins and losses. Rather, the goal of athletics is to help shape a person for life in the real world. Boylan noted that despite the lack of national success, the program has done its job.

"The question is what are you doing when you graduate and what are you contributing to society," Boylan asked. "Has athletics helped you? If the answer is yes, then we [the College] have done our job."

This sentiment is honorable and for the most part, entirely true. In an era where middle-schoolers are scrutinized by scouts and high school quarterbacks are treated like princes, the notion of college academics often gets tossed aside like a pair of dirty socks.

But for the fans of Loyola and the alumni that want to see the program return to national prominence, the question remains -- what is preventing the Greyhounds from attaining the mid-90s success again?

Fortunately for the institution and the student body, the College is starting to move in the right direction.

"The college has made a major commitment [athletically]," said Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Affairs Dave Gerrity. "We have shown in the past that we can be successful. But right now, in soccer [for example], we're last in the conference [financially]. The question now becomes, 'how do we get better?'"

Poor Facilities

Perhaps the most outwardly glaring problem is the outdoor sports facilities. Loyola has only one outdoor practice field, the newly renovated Diane Geppi-Aikens Field. Having one practice facility produces a trickle down effect that taints the athletic image of the College, which Boylan says can sour recruits' opinion of Loyola.

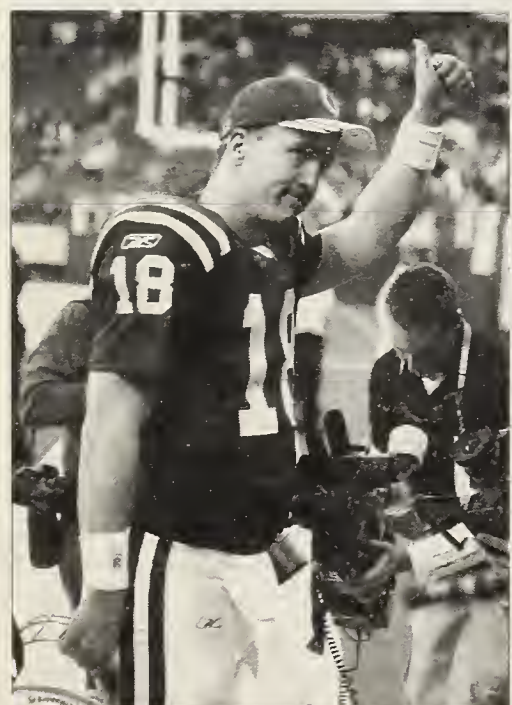
Losing valuable practice time nearly became a reality for the lacrosse and soccer programs. In fact, traveling to Germantown became a

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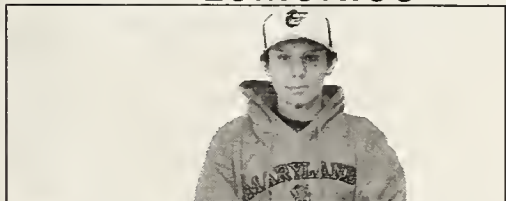
Loyola currently has just one practice field, but a good amount of money has been spent on the locker rooms.



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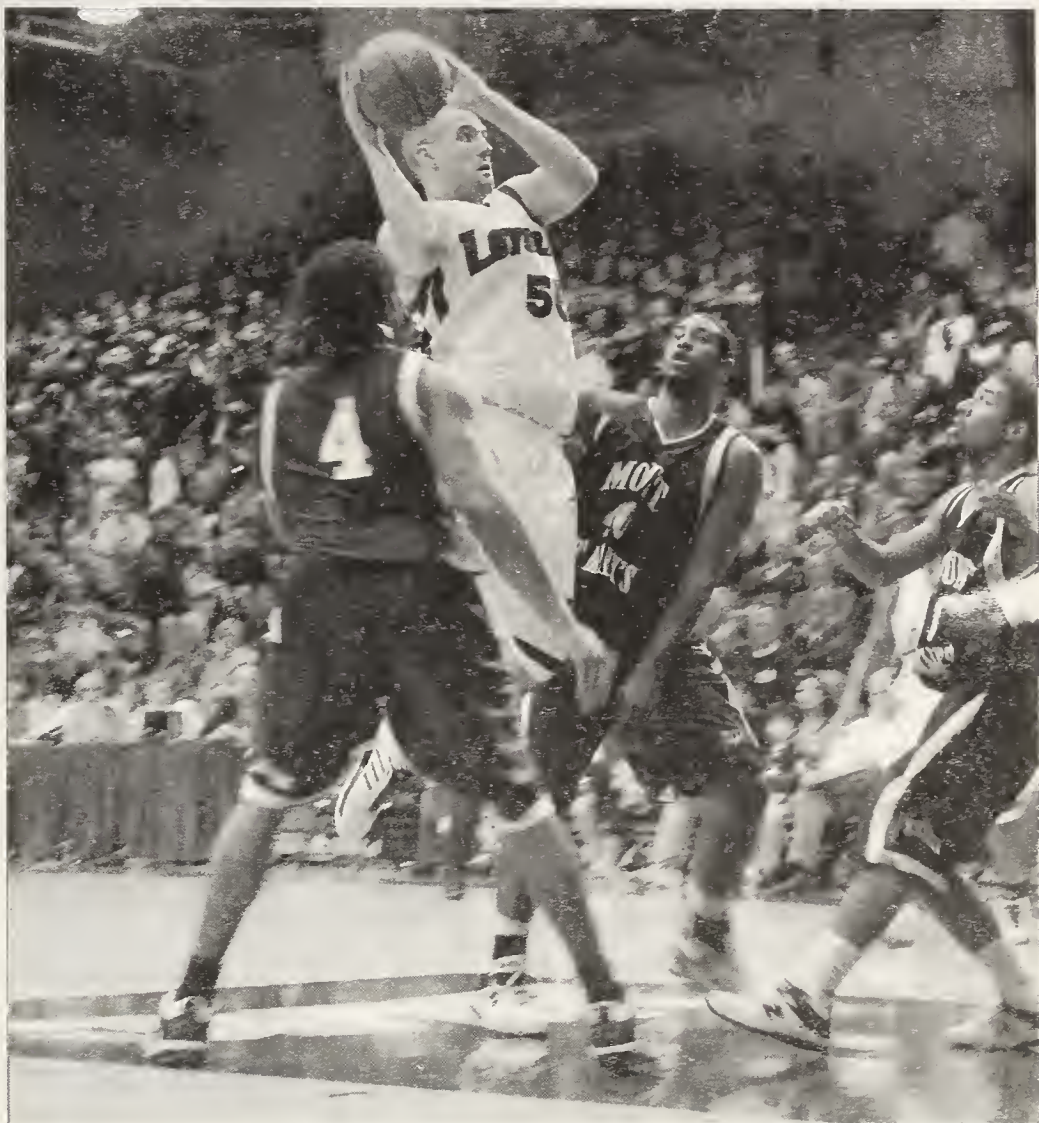


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ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Michael Tuck slashes to the hoop against Mount St. Mary's. The junior forward picked up the Hounds in the second half on his way to 16 points and seven rebounds.

Loyola demolishes local rival Mountaineers

By DAVE LOMONICO
SPORTS EDITOR

Riding the intensity that only a heated, bitter rivalry can bring, the Loyola men's basketball team caught fire early against Mount St. Mary's on Saturday.

Freshman Brett Harvey set the tone for the Hounds with a triple, and sophomore Marquis Sullivan and senior Josko Alujevic answered with threes of their own. Loyola never looked back on their way to a will-breaking 83-66 victory.

In their return to Reitz Arena on Wednesday after four straight games on the road, the Hounds (4-2) answered with a resounding 75-63 win over Delaware, and they carried the momentum into their game against rival Mount St. Mary's.

Despite their 1-5 record coming in to the contest, the Mount have excelled on the defensive end, allowing only 63.2 points a

game while forcing about 20 turnovers. With Loyola only averaging 68.8 points a game coming in, it looked like a defensive struggle from the outset. But the Mountaineers defense decided to take the day off, and the Hounds responded.

"We don't seem to do any one thing really well," Patsos said. "But we do a lot of little things good."

After Sullivan's initial three, the Loyola sharpshooter followed up with seven more points in a three-minute stretch coming off of flex cuts, which freed him from the top of the key. With Sullivan drawing a double team, junior Gerald Brown knocked down back-to-back threes, and by the halfway mark of the first half, the Hounds held a 24-15 advantage.

"We have a team that has guys that can step back and hit threes," Patsos said. "Marquis is going to hit them, and Brett

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In advertising, Peyton is king

on the edge of my seat, anticipating the next time Peyton decides to invoke his wisdom on football watching America.

The Southern boy from west of the Mississippi has taken over the advertising industry. He gets more face time than Tom Cruise post-Oprah-couch-incident. (Although whatever company makes Oprah's couch may be on to something if they decide to make Peyton a promoter.)

If you're the NFL, who would you want promoting your sport? Heck, if you're anyone, who better than Peyton to hype your product? OK, so, when all else fails, the NFL usually throws Don Cheadle and his no-nonsense *Crash* gig at the problem. (The NFL made light of their overuse of Cheadle in a recent advertisement, so, yea, they're getting sick of him, too.) Tell me again how far one yard is, Don?

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In fact, Peyton doesn't even have to do anything; have him stand there with a fake mustache and the audience will crack up. That is, if you like 6-foot-5, 230 pound quarterbacks with a laser, rocket arm.

Sprint, MasterCard, DirecTV, Sony, Reebok, and Gatorade started the trend. And

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Hounds rip Hens in triumphant return to Reitz

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made one. And then we have Gerald and Josko hit [threes], too, and I didn't expect that."

With the Mount cutting the deficit to four, Alujevic gave the momentum right back to Loyola. The rejuvenated senior took a pass from Harvey, cut down the lane, and executed a finger roll, drawing a foul in the process. After the free throw, Loyola had a seven point advantage at 29-22 with 5:34 left in the half.

Almost three minutes later, another Sullivan three gave the Hounds their largest lead of the game at 32-22. Sullivan led the way with 15 first half points including three triples while the Hounds went 7-13 from beyond the arc on their way to a 37-28 halftime lead.

"The last couple games I was in a funk," Sullivan said. "[Today] I was feeling good. I had bounce in my step, and I was taking good shots."

Brown asserted himself early in the second half, coming out with an acrobatic shot in the lane, followed by a steal, the back end of a pair of free throws, and drew an offensive foul. Sullivan complemented the team's emotional leader with yet another three to open up a 1-point Greyhound lead at 43-30 with 17:20 left.

After a Mountaineer bucket, Alujevic's three at 16:24 opened up a 14-point lead. With both teams trading baskets, a Tuck bucket off a nice dish from Brown extended the Hounds lead to 56-40 with 10:34 left.

Sullivan finished with a career-high 22 points on 7-14 from the field, but the player of the game in the second half may have been junior Michael Tuck, who imposed his will inside. The veteran leader had 16 points and seven boards, including a tip-in with

3:25 to play to give the Hounds a 68-49 lead, their largest of the day.

"In the second half, I put it in my head that I wanted to get the re-bounds," Tuck said. "And then I started getting touches [inside] and started getting rebounds."

Brown, who was facing a double team the whole night, finished with just 12 points, but added four assists and six rebounds.

"When your best player passes the ball, you can beat anybody," Patsos said. "Gerald was our emotional guy in the second half. He's a winner."

The Greyhounds hit their rivals in the mouth with nine three-pointers, never allowing the Mountaineers to get into a rhythm. Loyola had four players in double figures, and defensively they never let the Mount get closer than nine in the second half.

With the game well in hand, tempers for both teams flared, reminiscent of last year's game at Mount St. Mary's. After a stoppage in play where the officials sorted out the mess, the Hounds closed out the game, happy to get the win without any major conflicts.

"There is no question that this rivalry is alive and well," Mount head coach Milan Brown said.

In their home opener on Wednesday, the Hounds gave their fans a preview of good things to come with a decisive victory over Delaware.

With the game deadlocked at four early, Brown stepped outside and knocked down

a three to spark the Hounds. Three minutes later, Alujevic hit a three of his own, leading Loyola on a 16-2 run.

After senior Hassan Fofana hit the back end of a pair of free throws, Tuck followed with a three from the top of the key. Following a Delaware turnover, Tuck cut to the paint, took an alley-oop pass from senior Shane James, and threw down a thunderous dunk that brought a packed Reitz Arena to its feet.

When Delaware finally took a timeout with 8:33 remaining, the Hounds were out to a 20-8 lead that they never looked back from.

"They [Loyola] hit us first," Delaware head coach Monté Ross said. "We definitely got beat up tonight."

Defensively, the Hounds imposed their will against a struggling Delaware squad who came into the contest off four straight losses. Loyola's relentless pressure limited the Blue Hens to only 20.7 percent shooting from the field, and by the time the half ended, the Hounds had built a 32-15 lead.

"It was a real physical battle, a real good game," Patsos said. "Everyone was playing [good] defense and I'm proud of that."

The Hounds carried their momentum into the second half when freshman Brett Harvey opened with a three. However, the ball hawking defense for the Hounds let up as Delaware slowly climbed back into the game, and with just under 15 minutes to go, they cut the lead to 40-27 off of a three by Zaire Taylor.

Taylor single handedly kept Delaware in the game with a torrid 23 point second half burst on his way to a game-high 30 points.

"It doesn't matter how many points I scored," Taylor said. "In the end, they played better than us."

Every time Taylor and Delaware tried to climb back, Loyola had an answer. Harvey followed Taylor's bucket with a trey of his own, and by the 10 minute mark, after a Harvey fast-break layup, the Hounds had a 20 point lead at 52-32.

A 10-0 run put the Hounds up 58-32 with 8:02 remaining. While Delaware continued to claw back

on the heels of poor free throw shooting by the Hounds (7-15 in the second half), the Blue Hens could not overcome a 55 percent second half shooting performance by Loyola.

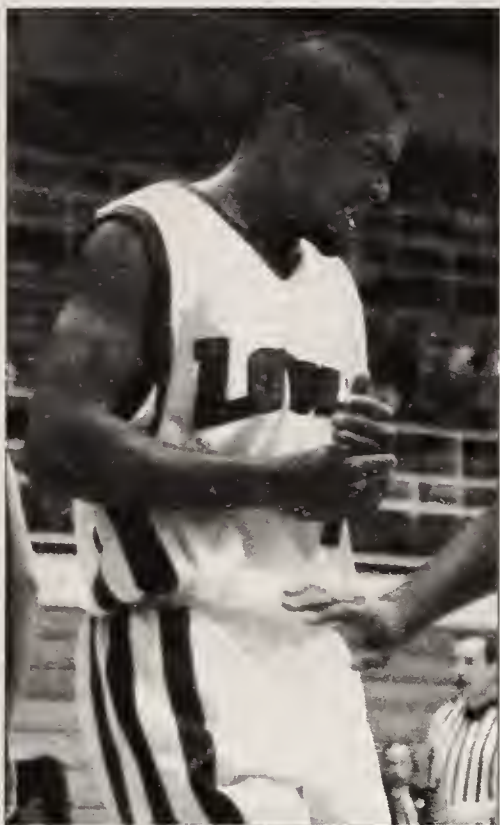
Brown led the way with a team-high 22 points, while Tuck added 13, and Alujevic showed flashes of dominance with a 12 point, nine rebound effort.

James stepped up his defense while grabbing eight boards in addition to nine assists and freshman Brett Harvey got into the act after a shaky start, turning in a four assist, 11-point performance, including a perfect 2-2 from deep.

The three-game homestand continues for the Hounds next Friday when they take on MAAC conference rival St. Peter's at 7 p.m.

After two straight games at a packed Reitz Arena, Patsos expects the students to continue to come out and support the team.

"Our fans are the best in the MAAC," Patsos said. "Our students are winning games for us."



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Gerald Brown has been dubbed the "emotional leader" of the Hounds by coach Jimmy Patsos.



KAT KIENLE/GREYHOUND

After back-to-back four assist efforts, Brett Harvey is showing he can handle the point. The freshman has also stepped up his shooting, going 3-3 from beyond the arc in the past two games.

Women end three game skid, beat the Mount

By PETE THEIS
STAFF WRITER

After three straight losses, the Loyola women's basketball team finally got back into the win column by defeating rival Mount St. Mary's 65-61. The win puts the Hounds at 2-4 for the season.

Last Saturday, the Hounds dropped a heartbreaker in overtime to Towson, so their win on the road over the Mount showed the team's ability to bounce back in a hostile atmosphere.

Senior Brittany Dunn got things started for Loyola by scoring five consecutive points, and junior Vanessa Ruffin added another basket as the Hounds took a 7-0 lead over the Mountaineers.

The Mount came back and tied the contest at 13 with 14 minutes left in the half, but Loyola went on a scoring spree, putting up 15 straight points.

Senior Jill Glessner, junior Tynisha Davis, and freshman Erica DiClemente all contributed buckets in the run.

The Mount would chip away at the lead, but contributions on the offensive end by a variety of different players helped the Hounds to maintain a 43-31 lead at the half.

After the intermission, the Mountaineers came out with intensity, capping off a 7-0

run just five minutes into the second half. The Greyhounds would build the lead back up to nine at 60-51, but the Mount responded once again down the stretch.

With Loyola's lead at one with just 52 seconds remaining, sophomore Ashley Alexander hit the Hounds' only three of the game to put Loyola ahead 63-59. The Greyhounds then iced the game out from the line with two free-throws from Glessner.

Glessner had a superb game with 19 points, including 7-7 from the line. Dunn added 13 points, four assists, and three steals.

The leading scorer for Mount Saint Mary's was junior Dominique Mazzuchi with 16 points.

Last week, Loyola engaged in a tough, fierce contest against local rival Towson University. With the score tied at the end of regulation, the game went into overtime where the Tigers defeated the Hounds 75-73.

In the first half of play, Towson came out on fire, and after nine minutes of play, the Tigers held a 19-12 lead. However, the Greyhounds jump-started their offense and took a three-point lead after a 10-point scoring run. DiClemente and classmate Kaitlin Grant combined for all 10 points in the run.

With strong play from Glessner and junior Meghan Wood, the Hounds staved off Towson. They kept Loyola ahead by 12 at half with an 11-2 run.

"During the first half, we did a real good job on defense when we switched to the zone," head coach Joe Logan said. "We also did a great job in transition and made our shots."

In the second half, the Hounds kept the scoring streak alive by taking a 52-37 lead. However, the Loyola defense broke down, and Towson fought back to cut the lead to three with just over five minutes to play. With 39 seconds left in the game, the Tigers' Holly Mahan scored to send the battle into overtime.

The overtime period featured great defense, but Loyola eventually took a 71-68 lead off the heels of Wood and Dunn.

With the overtime dwindling, Towson's Alis Freeman hit a dagger from beyond the arc to give the Tigers a one-point advantage with under two minutes remaining. Towson never gave back the lead as their defense bit down over the final minute.

"We gave up a lot of offensive rebounds,



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Kaitlin Grant blocks a shot against Hartford. The Hounds fell to the Hawks 65-49

and we turned the ball over 28 times," Logan said. "If we had turned the ball over only 20 [times], we probably would have won the game. However, the game gave us great experience, as this was a huge rivalry and it gave the team a lot of motivation."

Loyola had six players in double figures. Glessner had 14 points; DiClemente led the team with 15. Also, Grant recorded her first double-double, with 10 points and 11

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THE GREYHOUND ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

The junior from Toronto was the unsung hero for the Greyhounds last week. Although he does not garner the headlines like teammate Gerald Brown, Michael Tuck has quietly kept the Hounds in-tact in the paint area. Tuck has come in to the past two games and not only cleaned up the boards, but also provided several dominating spurts on the offensive end.

Against Delaware, Tuck logged only 20 minutes, but still came up with 13 points and four rebounds while adding a block. In the first half, Tuck showed his skill around the basket as he lost his man, went back door, and completed an electrifying dunk. The 6-foot-7 forward also showed his range against the Blue Hens, knocking down two from beyond the arc.

On Saturday against the Mount, Tuck put together another complete effort. He was second in scoring with 16 points, led the team with seven boards, and also had a block and a steal in 26 minutes of play. After being silenced in the first half, Tuck exploded in the second half, taking charge of the post area.

With the Hounds searching for a scoring presence inside, Tuck has to be the one to step up for the Greyhounds if they are to be successful this season.

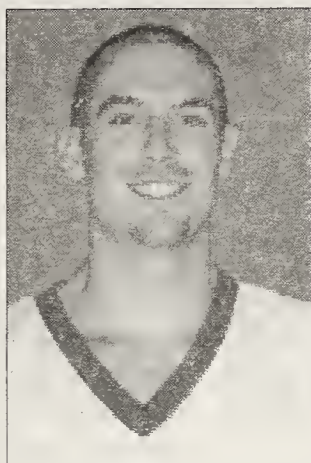


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Michael Tuck
Junior

Freshmen runners carry Hounds in first track meet

By KAT KIENTLE
STAFF WRITER

Evident first-meet jitters did not manage to hinder the performance of the 12 Loyola freshmen competing in the first women's track invitational of the 2006-2007 season. The indoor events commenced last Saturday at the Bison Open at Bucknell in Lewisburg, Pa., where a young Loyola track program demonstrated its maturity.

With many of the distance and veteran runners still cooling down from a successful cross country season, head coach Brett Harvey looked at Saturday's meet as an opportunity to expose the freshman women to the competitive world of intercollegiate track.

"This is the first year that we've recruited sprinters, so just about all of our sprinters are freshman," Harvey said. "We wanted to put them out there to give them a chance to settle their nerves and also to see who among them really has that intensity and desire to compete at this level."

Yet despite their rookie status, many of the Loyola girls established themselves as solid competitors in certain events.

The 800-meter race saw two Greyhound runners placing within the top-20 finishers. Freshmen Paige Thomas and Amanda Reid both ran personal bests to place 15th and 17th respectively.

Thomas completed the race in a time of

2:27, while Reid ran a 2:32.

However, the climax on Saturday for the Greyhounds was in the 200-meter event.

Freshman Eve Mizerak broke a Loyola record when she finished the race in a time of 28.62 seconds.

"I was definitely nervous for this first meet, especially since it was all freshmen and there were no upperclassmen there to look to for guidance," Mizerak said. "I'm just glad I got my first big college meet out of the way."

Meanwhile, many of the women were

“We wanted to... see who among them has that intensity and desire to compete” - Brett Harvey

running in the long distance events, which they are unaccustomed to doing. The coaches felt it necessary to run races other than their specialties in order to build up stamina for the season.

"We're doing this because we hope to build up the girls so when they return to the shorter events, they are even faster," Assistant Coach Rick Woods said. "Eve, for example, usually runs the 100-meter. She has a lot more speed in her, even though she did so well on Saturday."

Loyola's next event will not be until Jan. 13, when they will compete at the Navy Lidifter.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Bridgette Schertle and the women's team beat Niagara on Saturday. The men's side recorded two victories, including a big win over Delaware.

Reeser and Royer post strong swims for Hounds

By JIM DELANEY
STAFF WRITER

Hard work pays off.

The H20unds proved last weekend that they are indeed ready to challenge for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference crown on both the men's and women's sides.

The Greyhounds hosted MAAC rivals Marist and Niagara, in addition to Delaware, in the annual H20unds Invitational. On the women's side, the Hounds lost to Delaware (277-101) and Marist (253-115), but beat Niagara (267-101), while the men's team beat Delaware (191-177) for only the second time ever. The men continued their strong showing by beating Niagara (240-118), but they were unable to defeat Marist (228-140).

The meet was headlined by several outstanding performances, including freshman Megan Royer, who tied Loyola's record in the 50-yard freestyle event with a time of 24.63.

"I was actually really surprised when I realized that I broke the record," Royer said. "I didn't really expect to be going for one of my top times at this point in the season." Head coach Brian Loeffler spoke about Royer's accomplishment: "I expect she will be the lone record holder after our conference meet."

In addition to Royer, the women's team was led by junior Megan Hadley, sophomore Clare Ostrom, and freshman Melissa White.

"Clare had a great meet," said Loeffler. "Her 1650 swim and 500 swim placed her in the top five all-time at Loyola."

The women's team is swimming strong and will take a trip to Florida over winter break to gear up for a few more meets before the MAAC Championship.

The men's team came in to the meet looking to prove that they deserved their No. 22 ranking in CollegeSwimming.com's Division I Mid-Major list. Even though they

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Lacking facilities hurt Loyola's image, recruiting

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real possibility for the soccer teams who needed to practice. Fortunately, the field renovations were completed in time for the start of fall practices.

The soccer teams are at an added disadvantage due to the new dorm construction on Butler field and complications with Notre Dame. Thus soccer has been forced on to Geppi-Aikens full-time. Now teams must compromise and schedule around each other so practices do not conflict.

Furthermore, the soccer teams play a rigorous out-of-conference schedule, and it has become increasingly difficult getting teams to come to Loyola. Athletes find it daunting to constantly travel to matches, especially when competing against superior competition.

"We've had to work under incredibly difficult circumstances," said Boylan. "For our field sports,

we have definitely been hurt by the facilities."

However, lacrosse and soccer should consider themselves lucky. They may not have the state-of-the-art practice fields like some of their competition, but at least they are not in the same state as tennis and track.

With only four courts on campus, the tennis team cannot even host a match, falling short of the required six courts. It is a considerable disadvantage when a team has no home support and is forced to travel for every match.

"With around \$35,000, we are last in terms of revenue in the conference for men's tennis," said head coach Rick McClure. "We've held our own in the MAAC with what we have, but I need a little more help [financially] from other departments to go to the next level."

At least Loyola has tennis courts. The track team, on the other

hand, does not have the luxury of a track. They are forced to go to Goucher College for practice, and as a result, all of their meets are away from the Evergreen campus.

Loyola's facility woes do not extend to their locker rooms; however as Boylan said, while the coaches appreciate the locker rooms, they would probably rather have the nicer fields.

The swimming and diving teams are fortunate to have the best venue in the MAAC conference, the Fitness and Aquatic Center, for practice and home meets.

Unfortunately, many coaches feel that the FAC and the locker rooms do not make up for what is lacking in other areas.

"It's all visual," said Boylan. "It's hard to get recruits when your facilities are not what they should be."

Where are the recruits?

With lacking facilities portraying a mixed image, recruits often shy away from Loyola. Coupled with the high academic standards and many underperforming programs, talented recruits are looking to the Greyhounds' rivals and finding more attractive situations.

"You always have concerns when you struggle, but our coaches do

a good job selling what we have here," said Boylan. "We sell the academics, the living conditions,

"It's all visual. It's hard to get recruits when your facilities are not what they should be." - Joseph Boylan

the faculty, and the degree as something special."

Soccer especially has suffered in recent years, and many point directly to the facilities.

"In soccer, if you look at what other teams are doing, they've got Bermuda grass and beautiful stadiums," said Gerrity. "And if you're a high school student-athlete looking for a school, you can be a little deterred by that."

Loyola's elevated academic standards also present many problems. They have not taken the path of many other major universities by lowering admission requirements to land a blue chip recruit, thus the Greyhounds have subsequently sacrificed a considerable amount of talent.

"Schools like St. Joe's will give financial aid to someone coming in with a 1050 SAT, but here you need a 1350 [to get aid]," McClure said. "It's become increasingly difficult to get in here financially and academically."

Boylan, however, defended the school's policy, describing the academics as a source of pride.

"We have as good of an academic support as anyone in the country and it really challenges our students," said Boylan. "If you don't want it [as a student-athlete], then maybe you shouldn't come here."

While a number of talented athletes do just as Boylan said, often choosing other schools in hopes of attaining greater athletic success, the student-athletes who do decide to come to Loyola are a special group, juggling practices and games with a demanding course load.

As Loyola represents the end of an athletic career for most student-athletes, the expectation

is that, in turn, academics will become a priority. Not so according to 10 student-athlete

SOURCES
interviewed in four different Greyhound athletic programs.

According to sophomore soccer player Amanda Piccirilli, there is a strong feeling among athletes that they can "beat the system" because of their involvement in sports. For example, Piccirilli detailed an athlete who did not turn in a major project because of her status as an athlete.

"I feel that a lot of student-athletes see themselves as athletes before students," said Piccirilli. "We want to do well in both, but many do come here for the athletics."

One varsity athlete who chose not to have his name published said, "Athletics are the reason I came here. I got into this school because of sports, so they're going to mean more to me than school work."

Loyola's Athletic Department has identified high academic standards as a reason that some athletes have shied away from the institution.

However, despite the progress the department has made in increasing the academic rigor for student-athletes, it is not clear that recruits are justified in avoiding Loyola on those grounds.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

One of the new additions to Loyola athletics is the film room where team's can study the film of their upcoming opponents. Press conferences are also held here.

When in doubt, industries will call on Peyton and family

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now Peyton mania is everywhere, growing faster than William Shatner's new game show.

ESPN finally caught on to Peyton-mania. Sure, Stewart Scott and LeBron James make a great team in the office cubicle, but they are no match for the Peyton-Eli Archie trio.

Brotherly love and parenting at its finest: there's Peyton, kicking his brother in the butt while Archie glares, and puts a quick end to the antics.

Even the Barksdale Reading Institute marketed the Manning family with Archie reading his two overgrown mammoths a fairy tale while Peyton and Eli eagerly listen in dressed in their bedtime finest. What better way to get kids to read?

With his laid back mentality and that corny, hillbilly voice, Peyton is the key to advertising success. Note the subtle hilarity of Peyton's interview regarding Mike Vanderjagt: "my idiot kicker just got a little liquored up."

That's narrative gold right there. Peyton has it, others don't.

There are numerous levels of the sports-advertisement personality. You have your superstars like Michael Jordan. "Just wait'll we got our Hanes on you." Yadda, yadda, yadda - it got old.

You have your up-and-coming young studs like LeBron James and the infamous LeBron alter egos. Yea, they've been fun to watch (the old dude is a pimp), but I'll take Peyton's "D-Caf" chant any day. And then you have your classy, limelight guys like Tom Brady.

What do you get when you take a Pro Bowl quarterback, your MasterCard, and five offensive linemen decked out in football gear and put them in a fancy restaurant?

Admirable attempt, Tom, but Peyton's appeal to the common man has you beat. Now, I can't go into a grocery store without slapping the produce man on the back: *Nice salad bar, Tommy.*

At this rate, Manning could have his own act, or move on to Hollywood.

Peyton, if you read this, do not make the same mistake as Michael

Irvin, Dan Marino, and Shannon Sharpe. Stay away from broadcasting and *NFL Today*. If I have to hear Terry Bradshaw laugh one more time...

Here's an idea: the whole Manning family could start their own standup gig. Peyton and Eli could be like Penn and Teller with Peyton providing the colorful commentary (because all he has to do is open his mouth for people to laugh) and Eli could stand there like a dumb mule (see: Eli making eggs).

Can you imagine Peyton in the movie industry?

Although he could never reach the acting level of sports stars such as Shaq in *Kazaam*, Peyton would give any motion picture phenomena instant credibility.

All he would have to do is make a three-second appearance like George Clooney in *Thin Red Line* and box office prices would skyrocket.

Or if he really wants to be ambitious, Peyton could go all sci-fi on us and try something extreme, like winning a Super Bowl. Only in the movies, big guy.

To be continued...

Next Issue:

The second installment will be run next week detailing the financial situation of the Athletic Department and the construction Inter-collegiate Athletic Complex.

Men swim by Delaware

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are not as deep as the women's team, they seem to get the job done each week.

Overall, their meet was highlighted by the three freestyle relays. The only loss came in the 400-yard relay by .69 seconds. Led by senior Ryan Reeser, they won both the 800-yard and the 200-yard relays.

"The men should challenge for first place in the three freestyle relays," Loeffler said. "We have not won a relay on the men's side in several years at the Conference meet."

Reeser won the 200-yard freestyle and came in second after losing the 500-yard freestyle by .06

seconds.

Junior Pat Hicks turned in a great meet. He was a member of the first-place 800-yard freestyle relay, and placed second in the 400-yard IM, and third in the 200-yard breaststroke. Other great swims were put in by senior Drew Crampton, junior Ian Perazzelli, sophomore E.J. Verrico, and freshman Greg Thomasson.

"Our goal this year was to improve on the men's and women's third place finishes at the MAAC [invitationals]," Loeffler said. "Today we made progress towards that goal."

After the Florida trip, the Hounds return to action Jan. 13 against MAAC rival Rider.

Despite controversies, BCS formula one for the ages

PETE FLYNN



4TH AND TWENTY

It finally happened, and for Florida Gator and SEC fans, "It was about time."

For everyone else in the country, it was, "Oh no."

After the Bowl Championship Series selection committee decided last Sunday to send the Swampdwellers to Glendale, Ariz., to battle *The* Ohio State University Buckeyes on Jan. 8, a nation of college football fans prepared itself for a proposition scarier than Emilio Estevez trying to direct Lindsay Lohan through "Bobby" — a Southeastern Conference team winning a national championship in football.

Forget that the decision appears to violate one of the BCS's sacrosanct rules—we'll get into that later.

Urban Meyer lifting the crystal football validates every ridiculous claim that no team can traverse a brutal SEC regular season slate unscathed. Who, besides *Sports Illustrated* and me, wants that?

Although it appears that seem

different Florida's appearance in the BCS Championship game (which shall heretofore be known as the Maurice Clarett Memorial Bowl in honor of the Running Baack that lead the Buckeyes to the BCS crown in 2002, as it appears Ohio State will be participating in it with regularity), this year's travesty adhered to the steadfast laws that have developed since the BCS's 1998 birth.

After careful research and scheming, I was able to uncover the forbidden criteria only enabled in times of crisis and great personal confusing which is... like... every year: money, and the pope, run everything.

Therefore, two schools whose enrollments exceed Wyoming's population are featured in the title game, and the market share that follows has advertisers salivating. Meanwhile, the dictators at FOX denied the Bison Jockeys that play on blue Astroturf in Boise, Idaho, a shot at a championship, despite beating every team on their schedule.

Boise State embodies the need for a football tournament. The Broncos, much like Urban Myer's 2004 Utah Utes, could be this year's George Mason, yet the idea of their appearance in the BCS

Championship game would have the nation up in arms and as a result they will not have a chance. But it is safe to say that last year's Final Four wasn't that good.

Michigan, on the other hand, has a resume second to, well, certainly not Florida. For only three points separating them from the No. 1 ranking, the Wolverines are given the reward of taking on

"The nation is now preparing itself for a proposition scarier than Emilio Estevez directing Lindsay Lohan—a Florida title."

USC in the Coliseum. The Trojans, fresh off of a defeat at the hands of a 7-5 UCLA Bruins squad, well... let's just say the Trojans have not been able to score.

Earlier this year, I became one with the BCS. I was a huge fan of their continued boycott of the Associated Press poll for their formula, not because AP asked them not to use it, but because they know when to stick it to the liberal media.

The left-wingers were stammering about the evils of the BCS and how unfair it was. Typical. So the BCS did what any great dictator would do—they cut

the liberals out and made them an irrelevant joke when they signed a fat contract with FOX, which does not even cover college football. FOX does not care about fairness America, and neither does college football. This was a match made in heaven. Brilliant!

However, the BCS threw me into a spin today when they violated their most sacred law: Always find a way to screw the SEC. However, I am quite confidence the BCS is conspiring with those liberals at the AP to set Florida up for another split national championship games, similar to the manner in which they wronged LSU in 2003.

To those that do not understand the BCS, I will explain to you the true elements of the BCS formula:

One: No Cindrellas. There is nothing worse to big money conferences and programs than little yip programs breaking up their monopoly of champions. It is lousy marketing. Who wants to buy a Boise State National Champions hat? I cannot see anyone outside of Idaho in orange and blue.

Two: The Norte Dame rule. This rule was actually written in Vatican II. This by-law states that if some sort of Cartel is formed to control

who gets to be the National Champion, Norte Dame must be considered regardless of record. Pope John Paul II later modified it to make sure that Norte Dame is to be in a BCS game, even if they are not good. Be sure to watch the Irish on Jan. 3 in the Sugar Bowl, after their two successful opponents pack it up for the year.

Three: No SEC need apply. The BCS has always had it out for the SEC since Tennessee one the first title game in 1998. Since then, the BCS has made sure the SEC, despite usually being the deepest conference, gets screwed. They have done this by both just keeping them out the championship (see: Auburn/USC/Oklahoma) and the more cruel, and what appears to be this year's tactic, splitting the title with another one-loss bowl winner (see: LSU/USC/Oklahoma).

As it has been decided under law 3 of the BCS, I can safely tell you that this year's national champion will be Florida and Michigan. I don't know how the AP will rationalize voting for a team other than the Ohio State-Florida winner, but as the Pope is infallible and money has run America successfully for 226 years, I am sure this will be quite the pedestrian exercise.

Go Blue!

Glessner scores 19 in win over Mount St. Mary

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boards. After playing the first three games on the road, the Greyhounds played their first home game against University of Hartford on Nov. 19.

Although the team looked to bounce back from a heartbreaking defeat to UMBC, the Hounds' sloppy play led to a 65-49 defeat.

In the first few minutes of the game, the lack of offense and poor defensive pressure put the Hawks in the driver's seat 10-2.

Glessner scored on a two-point basket to break the scoring drought with 13 minutes left to play, and Wood added a basket with 10 minutes left, as the score stood 19-6.

Unable to get anything going on the offensive end, the Hounds went into the half down 32-18.

Coach Logan was not pleased with the play early in the first half.

"Hartford jumped out at us early in the game," Logan said. "They created a big hump that we could never get back over."

The second half was a much different story as the Hounds came out with intensity. Coach Logan went to a full court press causing turnovers and easy points for Loyola.

Quick scores by Glessner and Wood, along with Dunn's five consecutive points, helped keep the Hawks within striking distance at 44-36.

But Hartford would not be denied. The Hawks used a 13-4 scoring spree with eight minutes left to break the game open.

"We did not play a full 40 minutes of basketball tonight as a

team," Logan said. "We played about 32 minutes together."

Glessner recorded her first double-double with 11 points, 11 rebounds, and five assists. Grant had a break-out game with 11 points and five boards, and Wood added eight points and six rebounds.

The UMBC game began with scoring from both sides, as

Glessner and Davis added back-to-back three-pointers eight minutes into the game.

The Retrievers answered with a three-point play from Shari Rhode to seize a 29-28 lead. The rest of the half saw great defensive stands from both squads as each team struggled to score.

Sophomore Siobhan Prior

nailed a three-pointer just before halftime for a 35-34 Greyhound lead.

The second half featured multiple lead changes. With four minutes left to play, Davis hit a jumper and Glessner added a free throw for a 54-51 Hound lead.

The Retrievers, however, would not be denied as UMBC's Brittne Hughes sunk a three pointer to tie

the game at 54.

In the final seconds, with both teams tied at 56, UMBC's Amanda Robinson gave the Retrievers the go ahead basket with just four ticks left on the clock.

The women's team continues their three game road stretch against St. Francis, Pa., on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., before opening up in conference against Marist.



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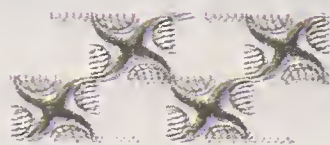
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